

Expectations



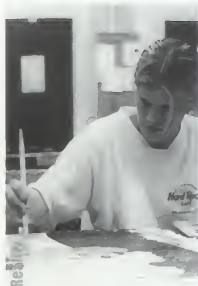
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Choice



Students had several options for their out-of-school activities. They could engage in school-related activities, like **spirit week** and prom, or go to places outside of school geared toward the **adolescent generation**, like Zero Gravity, the Portage 9 or various pool halls. Sophomore Erik Carpenter prepares to make his shot at one such pool hall. For most students, the ideal compromise was incorporating **both kinds of activities**.



Although some students dreaded school, some lived for it, however, most people were somewhere in between. Specialized classes, like **art and music**, gave many students a way to show their **creativity** and have fun during school hours. Concentrating intently, senior Stephanie Waugh draws a picture during her art Query class. There was an **array of classes** for all students to choose from, and they could learn something new and different in each.

Many students lived out **their hopes** through sports and organizations. School teams and organizations found that they could accomplish a great deal with hard work and a passion for success. Even more than success, students found sports and organizations **enjoyable ways** of spending their time. Striking the tennis ball, senior Nicholas Beardsley makes a shot for the boys' tennis team. Sports teams were **just one** of the many ways to become involved.

Obligations are an **integral part of life**, even for students. With the commercialization of Portage, students found more job options and consequently, increased their **spending power**. As more and more businesses decided to make Portage their home, there were more places for students to go and more things for them to do. Many students held part-time jobs in order **to pay for** their fun as well as college funds and car insurance payments.



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Preparing for Junior Miss competitions in the Green Room, seniors Elizabeth Bunker, Melissa Fluck and Elaine Geering practice for their individual talent segment called Creative and Performing Arts. The talent segment accounted for 25 percent of their total score. Many students involved themselves in extracurricular activities such as Junior Miss and Outstanding Young Man to attain scholarships which would help pay for their many expenses of college.





Everyday students entered the magical world of Portage High School and were transported in an alternate universe. It was a place where all their dreams could come true, and everything was their choice. There were no obligations, and reality

was just a figment of their imagination. Expectations were only what they wanted them to be.



Okay, maybe school wasn't that picture perfect. The one phrase that could be used to describe the year was "Expect the unexpected."

All the twists and turns amounted to an unpredictable and maybe even exciting year.

Even the simplest expectations, such as coming to school on Monday morning, could be shattered like glass on concrete, with all the slivers of glass left to step on. On March 9, students awoke after the weekend expecting to go to school and to the usual game they dealt with everyday. Surprisingly, the snow saved everyone by dropping 10 inches in one curve ball thrown by El Nino. Students and teachers spent four days far away from the safe corridors of school in their frozen homes. The lucky ones had electricity and could back their cars out of the driveway. Of course, the unexpected snow days had to be made up. For the first time in years school took place on Good Friday, and the two end of the year exam half days were extended into full days in order to make up for lost time.



Sometimes, the school did not meet the expectations set for it by higher powers, like the state of Indiana. This year the ISTEP test added "gateway test" to its title. Sophomores had to score 466 in language arts and a 486 in math to graduate. When the averages came out they weren't so hot. Forty-seven percent of sophomores did not pass the math and thirty percent did not pass the language arts portion. Students who did not pass would receive help in

their weak area to help them pass the test their next time.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, many times expectations were exceeded, especially by individual students and groups. The convocation arranged for motivational speaker Mark Sharenbrock was a success, and he both encouraged and complemented the school. Also, many reached their dreams through a sport or organization. The wrestling, swimming, and cross country teams went to state, as did many individual athletes. The marching band fulfilled a dream it had been working up to all year when they traveled to Florida to parade in Disney's Magic Music Days. The Art Club and Key Club became integral parts of the school and gave students yet another choice on how to become involved, and other clubs and teams continued to grow in size and prestige.



No one, not even the administrators, knew what to expect as far as block scheduling was concerned. As the teachers went to seminars on how to adapt their curriculum, students anxiously awaited the changes in their school days. When the decision was announced and explained, students and even many teachers greeted them with skepticism and distrust. However, as the year went on more were educated on the issue, and they slowly opened their minds to the many benefits that could be expected.



Looking ahead to next year and all it has in store, one may wonder, what will happen next? As always, events and plans are unsure. Only a psychic would be able to predict how block scheduling will work, and the only thing we can do is take it one step at a time with our heads held high. Maybe Mr. Kirchner said it best with his daily and maybe even repetitive words of encouragement, "Remember, if you come to Portage High School with a positive attitude you're sure to have a positive day."



Playing along in Mr. Mark Scharenbroich's motivational convo, senior T.J. Black receives a little attention from the crowd. Black was called upon by Scharenbroich to help him with his presentation.



Participating in the annual spirit week junior Michelle Vottero shows off her school spirit by sporting her pajamas. Vottero was one of the many juniors who participated in spirit week resulting in the junior class win.



In the hall way sophomore JR. Barrientes talks with another student between bells. Students often used the time between classes to chat with friends.

Faking orders the ROTC squad lines up in order to wait for instructions. Part of being in ROTC is learning to follow orders and become disciplined.



Enjoying the "Mistletoe Madness" of the **Christmas Dance**, junior **James Bingham** and sophomores **Cheryl Simon** and **Tabitha Lee** talk about the fun. Students of all grades had the opportunity to dress semi-formally and dance the night away **Dec. 20**. There was just one minor stipulation - one had to have a date to attend. The **Student Council** thought up the theme and volunteered their time to decorate the Commons with snowflakes and candy canes the Friday before the dance.

Winter Homecoming was unforgettable for some, especially senior **Jason Niloff**, who basks in the limelight after being a n n o u n c e d Homecoming king. The ceremony took place during the varsity basketball game against Chesterton **Jan. 30**. The entire student body had the opportunity to vote for the court during lunch hours. Students named senior **Tessie Frechette** queen, junior **Tom Modesto** prince and junior **Ashlie Dehaven** princess.

After weeks of after-school play rehearsals, sophomore **Natalie Kitchener** demonstrates the lighter side of drama as she adds energy to her portrayal of Mrs. Mooney in "**Flowers for Algernon**," the fall play. The production was performed at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 21** and **Nov. 22** in the auditorium. The **Thespians** assisted in putting together the play, by selling ads for the program, performing on stage as well as doing "behind-the-scenes" work such as lighting, sound, scenery and ticket taking.

Although competing in the **Outstanding Young Man** competition was overwhelming at times, overall it proved to be enjoyable and worthwhile for the participants **Jan. 30**. To ease some of the tension, Mr. Joe Stevens asked senior **David Torres** to perform the opera act he rehearsed earlier. Any senior boy could participate, and any junior girl had the chance to participate in Junior Miss. Junior **Tessie Frechette** won Junior Miss and senior **Brent Ksenak** won Outstanding Young Man.

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Practicing on his handmade Les Paul guitar, senior Ryan Bull plays the song "Giant Steps," by John Coltrane. Bull, like many students, was involved in bands in and out of school. He also has won various solo performance awards and was a member of the All State Jazz Band.

Twice a school year, for one week at a time, students
had the chance to participate in spirit week. During
homecoming and cheer their team on to victory.

spirit of it all

As a student walks into school with his clothes on inside out, he thinks to himself, "Why am I the only one with my clothes on the wrong way? Am I the only one with school spirit?" As he continues to walk down the hallway he realizes barely half of his peers are participating in spirit week.

Spirit week was held during the week of the homecoming game. For fall homecoming, the themes were crazy socks day, inside out day, pajama day, class color day and red and white day. "I had fun dressing up for pajama day. I like to show my school spirit and I don't

know why a lot of the students didn't even participate," sophomore Tabatha Maxwell said. For winter homecoming, days such as beach bum day, pajama day, crazy hair day, clash day and red and white day gave students a chance to demonstrate their spirit. "I don't think that students participated in spirit week to the fullest," sophomore Rosalyn Rodriguez said.

During half time of the football game, homecoming queen and Mr. Football were announced. Senior Natalie Huffman won homecoming queen, and senior Timothy Lewandowski won Mr. Football.

Winter homecoming queen and king

were announced during halftime of the basketball game. Senior Theresa Frechette won winter homecoming queen and senior Jason Niloff won winter homecoming king. The prince and princess were juniors Thomas Modesto and Ashlie DeHaven. Students were nominated during lunch hours, formed a list of all classmates. The five that were chosen were voted on the day of the homecoming game.

After all the excitement of homecoming was over, students returned to their normal life, only to await the next homecoming.

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Football player junior Nicholas Wayne throws the ball to another teammate during the fall homecoming game. Wayne was nominated for winter Homecoming Court, along with juniors Kevin McGuffey, Kevin Goad, Scott Wilson, and Thomas Modesto. Modesto was voted as Homecoming prince the Friday of Homecoming.



On the designated day, junior Michelle Vottero wears pajamas on spirit week to show that she has school spirit. Only half of the students participated during each of the spirit weeks.





At halftime of the fall homecoming football game, senior Natalie Huffman receives congratulations from her friend, senior Jillian Finnerty. Huffman was voted homecoming queen by her classmates during lunch hours. Students voted from a list of classmates and chose five students that they wanted on Homecoming Court.

After accepting their titles as winter homecoming queen and king, seniors Theresa Frechette and Jason Niloff walk together off the basketball court. Following behind them were juniors Ashlie DeHaven and Thomas Modesto, as the Homecoming princess and prince. Frechette and Niloff were also finalists in Junior Miss and OYM.

The king and queen of the Prom, seniors George Sabo and Elizabeth Cattani, share a dance to the song "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion. The prince and princess were juniors Michael Ramian and Andrea Skafish.



Holding her close, junior Michael Schultz dances with sophomore Christine Roth. Many couples attended the Post Prom festivities at Woodland Park. The theme of the Post Prom was "Casino Night."

Walking through the archway of silver ribbons, senior Tiana Lugo and junior Donco Conner enter the Exposition Center. As each couple entered the prom, their names were announced by Mr. Ralph Mundi.





At their table, senior Jason Attinger removes junior Jennifer Fekete's garter. For many guys, the garter ceremony was one of the most anticipated parts of Prom.

it was going to be a night to remember; the setting was perfect and romance was in the air, it was a night that some would hold forever in their hearts.

a night of dreams

As the Titanic sank, people knew that it would be a night that they would remember for the rest of their lives. Like on the Titanic, students came to prom in their best dresses and tuxedos, ready for a night they would hold forever in their hearts.

Unlike the Titanic, the Prom was not a disaster. The theme was "Forever In My Heart." Some students knew from the moment they entered through the Exposition Center's doors, that it was going to be a night that they would never forget. Some students were even a little nervous. "I was a little nervous when I first walked in, my friends came up to me and I felt okay," junior Paul Robertson said. Students entered through an archway of silver ribbons and then they began to feel the culmi-

nation of all their planning and dreaming. "The most exciting moment was when I first walked in. Just the excitement of being at prom was great," senior Marc Mihalik said.

As the night went on students danced, laughed, and talked with their friends. Finally, the moment that everyone was waiting for arrived - the announcing of the Prom court. The prince and princess were juniors Michael Ramian and Andrea Skafish. The king and queen were seniors George Sabo and Elizabeth Cattani. After the Prom court was announced, the prom song "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion, the feature song from "Titanic" was played.

The Prom court danced first and then the rest of the students joined. For many of the guys this was not the most exciting part of the night. For

them it was the garter ceremony. "The garter ceremony was the best, I enjoyed taking my girlfriend's garter off with my tongue," senior Jason Dusz said.

As the night came to an end, some students went home and others went to parties. Other students decided to go to the Post Prom.

Post Prom was held from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. at Woodland Park. Many of the items that were used at Post Prom were donated by the community. It was the second year that Post Prom festivities were held. The Post Prom theme was Casino Night.

There was dancing, black jack, five card draw, darts and a money wheel. A hula hoop contest and a limbo contest were also took place. Students were given fake money and they were able to gamble or buy raffle tickets for prizes. "I didn't gamble I just played darts and

cashd my money in for a raffle tickets," junior Peggy Shelton said. Other students really enjoyed the gambling.

"Gambling was awesome, I won \$15,000," Mihalik said. Every 10 minutes, a boy's name and a girl's name would be called and the student was given a cash prize up to \$15. There was also a drawing for \$100 for all the junior and seniors that were there. Those weren't the only prizes given out.

At the end of the night, all the students cashed their money in for raffle tickets. There was \$5,000 worth of prizes given away, including a television, stereo, mountain bike, memberships to the YMCA a refrigerator and many other prizes. Many students who attended Post Prom enjoyed it and plan to attend next year.

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holding baby Charlie in her arms, senior Abigail Kay tries to cradle him to sleep. Kay portrayed the grief stricken mother of Charlie Gordon in the fall play "Flowers for Algernon."



In a scene from the fall play "Flowers for Algernon" Mr. Gordon tries to calm Mrs. Gordon down as she faces a nervous breakdown. Performing the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were sophomore Vincent Hernandez and senior Abigail Kay.

Charlie Gordon, Miss Kinnian, and Mrs. Mooney gather together at Charlie's apartment to discuss his welfare. Mrs. Mooney was portrayed by sophomore Natalie Kitchen who was also a character in last years fall play "The Odd Couple."





Feeling a little concerned Miss Kinnian, played by senior Michelle Batista, stops by Charlie's apartment to pay him a visit. While she is there she tries to hold Algernon the mouse. Miss Kinnian was not only a teacher to Charlie but also a close friend to him throughout his entire ordeal.

Sitting in a barber shop the "intelligent" Charlie Gordon, played by junior James Crowley talks with his father, played by sophomore Vince Hernandez, to see if he recognizes him as an adult. Charlie's father had not seen him since he was a little boy so recognizing him was difficult.



a truly unforgettable heartfelt story of a simple minded Charlie Gordon slowly unfolds in the fall play "Flowers for Algernon."

the theatrical triumph

The art of theater takes a bare dark stage and magically transforms it into a platform for the depiction of human life.

In the play "Flowers for Algernon" theater lovers joined together to create the story of Charlie Gordon.

Charlie, played by junior Jim Crowley, is a young man with a low I.Q. but a big heart. Through an experimental surgical operation, only experienced on a mouse before, his intelligence is drastically raised. However, the problem is that his intellectual growth surpasses his emotional growth and Charlie learns the sometimes hurtful truth about life and people. He falls in love and grows up, but he loses much of his innocence in the process. In the end, the experiment regresses, and Charlie slowly returns to the simple,

yet sadly lovable young man he once was.

The reason some people decided they wanted to be involved in the play was because of their love for drama and a natural talent for acting. "I like theater," sophomore Stephanie Krinakis said. "And I love acting." Krinakis played the part of Jackie Welberg.

However, some parts of the acting process were more difficult than others. "The hardest part about acting is memorizing the lines," Sophomore Natalie Kirchen said. "When it gets close to the time of the play, it's like, you better know your lines or you're going to look like an idiot up there." Kirchen had to adopt an Irish accent for the portrayal of Mrs. Mooney. For the majority of the actors, practices every day after school and their hard work

put into memorizing the lines paid off. After a while, the actors knew how the character was supposed to be portrayed and could easily pretend to be him. "The easiest part for me is slipping into the character," Krinakis said. "I become the character, I am the character, totally and completely. It's an awesome feeling."

On the opening night of the play tension and excitement filled the air. Although many of the performers were anxious, they were also confident in their capability for success. "I feel really great about the show. It's going to be good," sophomore Aaron Priest said. Worries also lingered in the minds of some. "Having an open fly would have to be my biggest worry," Priest said.

Being a character in the play was not the only way to be involved. At

the doors of the auditorium ushers took money and handed out programs. "I've always been interested in acting, but recently my girlfriend has gotten me involved in all this," junior Brian Zingo said. Other students involved themselves in the play by doing everything from scenery to lighting.

When the auditorium darkened and the audience slowly hushed to a silence, the hard work paid off as a heartfelt story was told. "It was exciting," junior Troy Alford said. "You can only vaguely see the people, and there is this bright blinding light." Students felt the culmination of their practices as they heard the loud applause of the audience. "When you go on stage it's all worth it," Alford said.

...the play ...

the theme for the dance was
mistletoe madness and even
Mr. and Mrs. Claus showed up.

mistletoe madness

The couple danced close together as if they were in their own world. He admired her delicate face in the dim light while she looked dreamily at her prince charming.

The Christmas dance was not that perfect for everyone, but most people had a great time. The Christmas dance was one of the biggest events of the school year for some students. The theme for the dance year was "Mistletoe Madness" which was meant to provide a more fun, less romantic atmo-

sphere in contrast to previous years.

Some students felt that going as friends was better than going as a couple. Sophomore Jackie Ruebensam said, "Sometimes it's better to go as just friends because my date got mad when I was dancing with other guys." Others felt that you should go with someone who is truly special. Senior Sarah Johnson said, "I was with someone who made the night to remember, my Marshall."

Along with the dance came many preparations such as finding the "per-

fect" outfit and accessories, the making of appointments for hair, ordering flowers and making dinner reservations.

Sophomore Carrie Rake said, "There are so many preparations and money spent for such a short time at the actual dance." Junior, Stephanie Radloff agreed and said that it should have been longer. From people's expressions it seemed if everyone was having a good time, there also were exceptions and some tears shed by quarrels.

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On the dance floor, juniors Brandon Huges and Shari Johnson dance together as a couple. After the Christmas dance, many students went out to eat with other couples.

While they laugh together, senior Cathy Zelinski and her date Brandon Miller enjoy the Christmas dance together. Students paid \$12 per couple for the dance.





Stepping off the dance floor for a moment, sophomore Bridgette Eckelbarger loads her camera. As each couple left the Christmas Dance, they were given a photo album.

As a couple, sophomore Amber Kirkpatrick and junior Evan Wasilewski enjoy dancing together. Students were given punch to drink in the north cafeteria.



Greeted by Santa Clause, Junior Stephanie Niemcewicz and Patrick Wilkins enter the dance. Couples walked under a big candy cane as they made their way to the dance floor.



backstage during the Saturday performance, seniors George Sabo, Craig Golbesky and Adam Woynarowski await their entrance. They were all co-stars of the musical. They play three immature boys who finally grew up at the end of the musical.

teaching her Catholic students, senior Megan Nelson portrays Sister Helen. Nelson has been in many other theater productions inside and outside of school.





While the play is in progress, junior Stephanie Sulcer, playing Virginia Lear, picks her nose while the teacher looks the other way. Sulcer portrayed one of the church girls in Eddie Ryan's life. Sulcer has performed in many other theatrical productions throughout high school.

the musical became a big hit within the community with the inquisitive question, "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Makes some people kind of curious.

springing into the music

d-o-waa, doo-wee, will you dance with me? Does God love little fat girls too? How far is too far?

And finally, "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" The title of the spring musical reflected, that was certain. It reflected themes of innocence, insecurity and adolescence, things that everyone will experience in their lifetime.

The melodious tale centered around eight children growing up in the 1950 while attending Catholic school. As if the task of reaching maturity wasn't difficult enough, they had to deal with the strictness of Catholic school while searching for themselves and who they were. Through the magic

of a musical, the serious points of the drama were conveyed to the audience while the musical still kept its cheerful mood and its real-life humor. In fact, that was one of the main reason for the show's tremendous success, according to most people.

The main plot showcased Eddie Ryan, a "late bloomer" portrayed by George Sabo, who falls in love with the "fat" girl turned aspiring nun, Becky Bakowski, played by junior Andrea Skafish (with the aid of a fat suit). Through practices and performances, a closeness developed between students, with each other and with the directors. "My most memorable moment was when Mr. Bill Bodnar would walk me around the front of the audi-

torium so that I could make my entrance at the start of the show," senior George Sabo said.

The musical incorporated many more performers than the play did because of the dancers, pit choir and pit orchestra. "The musical was very entertaining," senior flute player Holleah Hitchcock said. "We had a completely different view in the pit." Although no one could see the orchestra, they still had an important job to do. They gave the musical its spirit. "We got to sit back and watch the show most of the time. We ended up seeing it eight times," junior flute and piccolo Trisha Eastwood said.

By the way, the photo above is of the musical production of "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?"

performing her gymnastics routine for the talent portion of Junior Miss, senior Tiffany Pullen leaps across the stage.

The talent routines varied a great deal. The routines including all forms of dance, music, and theatre.

On stage, the OYM participants enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the competition. Many decided to participate in OYM because they thought it would be fun times and a very good chance to win scholarships.



demonstrating the violin performance that had helped her win the title of Junior Miss, senior Tessie Frechette plays her violin at the Outstanding Young Man competition. She was asked to contribute to the program.





junior girls and senior boys flaunted their weird and wonderful skills at the CYM/Junior Miss competitions for fun and fortune.

battle of the best

Showing off is something almost everyone does, whether its to impress a member of the opposite sex or to convince that employer you are competent enough to work the cash register. However, when the goal of showing off is the winning of scholarship money, it's a whole new ballgame.

The Junior Miss and Outstanding Young Man competitions gave junior girls and senior guys the opportunity to exhibit their talent, fitness and intelligence for the chance to win money for their college education. Competition was tough as students competed against their peers for the chance at glory and scholarship dollars.

The Junior Miss competition occurred in June in the auditorium. Over the course of a week participants shared laughter and tears as they competed in various events and preliminaries, doing everything from singing solos to performing a dance routine to demonstrating their poise.

The Outstanding Young Man competition was January 31, and 28 young men competed. They flaunted their biceps and GPAs all in the hope of winning. On the elevated stage and in the shine of the spotlight they performed jumping jacks and answered difficult questions pertaining to school, their future and life in general.

Senior Tessie Frechette won the title

of Junior Miss and went on to the regional competition. Senior Brent Ksenak proved to be the Outstanding Young Man. Like many winners he was shocked. "I was very surprised," Ksenak said. "It was unexpected because all of the guys on stage did so well."

Most participants agreed the competitions were worth the time and effort. In the end, the production and execution of the programs were more fun than serious, for both the participants and the audience. "I enjoyed the dance segment the best because of the interaction of the crowd," Ksenak said.

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Shocked to have won the honor of Outstanding Young Man, senior Brent Ksenak is congratulated by last year's winner, Nathan Mundt. Ksenak defeated 27 other seniors for the scholarship.

Sitting up, senior Ryan Sweeney takes part in the fitness routine. The fitness routine was judged along with the other routines. Sweeney was the fourth runner up.



Snowmen are the usual sight after it snows with carrot noses and coal eyes. However, sophomore Xavier Mendez has built a snow car and goes driving in it. Other students also built objects in the snow to enjoy the weather.

Smiling, sophomore, Jaletta Kalman sits up after tumbling while snowboarding. Kalman was enjoying a day off from school in the snow. Despite the cold students also found ways to enjoy the storm.



snowstorm gives students four days without school, a dose of boredom, and a surprise no one expected.

snowstorm shocks students

High winds and snow pouring from the gray clouds cause damage all across the area as the first big snowstorm slapped us all in the face while we stood unprepared.

The big snowstorm proved that winter was truly not over in March. The surprise snowstorm dropped 12 inches, knocked out the power in 135,000 homes. The snow was a little over half as much as the record of 23 inches. The next largest amount happened in January of 1979 when 20.3 inches of snow fell.

The storm also put school out of session for four days, this stuck students in their frigid homes with little or nothing to do. "I was really bored because there wasn't anything to do," sophomore Brian Corey said.

The students' other choice was to

take advantage of the cold snow. Freshman Casey Yasko did by making igloos outside while the weather was in the teens, but others just sat inside with nothing to do. "I was so bored that I wasted 10 packs of batteries listening to my discman," sophomore Amanda McKenzie said. While some staying inside, damage was occurring outside.

Water damage was caused by the bursting of pipes in Willowcreek and Fegely middle school and Saylor and Central elementary schools. At the East building a transformer exploded. The explosion of the transformer and the heavy wind caused major damage to the gym by blowing sheet metal off the roof. The sheet metal has yet to be found. Some students homes were damaged from the storm. "A tree fell on my house and then we cut it into smaller pieces and there was only a small hole,"

sophomore Kevin Guth said. The damage was yet another reason the school was out for four days.

After the four days from the storm, question was, "When are we going to make up these days?" Superintendent Dr. George McKay tried to get the four days removed from the record by sending a letter of appeal to the governor, Frank O'Bannon. The letter was not approved by him and the school had to fit the four days into the schedule. Before the letter was denied, principal Mr. Richard Kirchner said, "The chances of it being waived are pretty slim." Since the school had to fit the four days into the schedule, it was decided that students would attend school on Friday, and added the last three days to the end of the year. Many students disagreed about making days up.

"I don't think we should have to

make those days because it's not our fault," sophomore John Yaksic said.

Another problem that the snowstorm caused was that it took away a week that the teachers needed to finalize grades. So another letter was sent and approved by a teacher's organization and the school board to push the nine weeks grading period back to April 3 rather than the old date of March 20.

Through it all people stuck together and places stayed open to provide the necessary items for surviving the storm. K-Mart employee Cindy Solivais said, "I'm glad the store stayed open, so whatever needs people had they could take care of them."

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Some students played in the snow after the storm. Seniors, Holly Chinn and Keely Mead had fun after being cooped up in the house because of the snowstorm.

Over spring break seniors Kathy Ostrander, Kristy Boggs and Jessica Becke hung out at a lake in Arizona. Many seniors traveled away from Portage along with their friends for spring break

Juniors Marc Samardzija and Jon Harbaugh relax at a baseball game. Samardzija and Harbaugh went to City Palms park in Ft. Myers, Fla.



spring break is a time for students to have a break from school and homework, some students were even able to go away for their break.

april showers

fresh air, flowers blooming, and the birds chirping are signs that spring is on the way. As students were preparing for spring break week, there were no such signs of spring. At the beginning, it was not all fresh air, blooming flowers, or even chirping birds, instead there was snow covering the ground.

The snow melted throughout the week of spring break, and the temperature steadily rose as the week proceeded. Students finally recieved the chance to go outside and enjoy their spring break. The temperatures often went into the 70's and it stayed light out until almost 7 p.m. However, many people were not in Portage to enjoy this weather.

Many students spent their spring break in warmer and sunnier places. For instance, the marching band trekked to Florida to perform in two parades. They performed at Disney Magic Kingdom and Universal Studios. However, everyone that went on vacation did not go to just have fun. Some went to visit family. Spanish teacher Katherine Hites went to Scotland to visit her daughter who lives there. "It was cold over there, I had to wear sweaters," Hites said.

Some students went to places around Indiana. "I went to Illinois over break for the World of Difference Conference and got to go to different workshops to learn about racial tolerance and

I had fun with that," said junior Linette DeJesus.

While some students were off in fun places, others had to stay in Portage. "I stayed around here and put my new drivers permit to use," sophomore Janeen Kamiel said.

Some students also spent their free time doing productive things like cleaning their rooms or finishing their homework from the past week. No matter where people went for spring break, they all had an opportunity to visit with their friends, families or just spend time by themselves.

Back to the Marching Mountaineers
Marching Mountaineers



for the duration of spring break, the Marching Indians went to Florida to perform in the Spectro Light Parade as well as at Universal studios. Freshman Wendy Eastwood exits the Space Mountain ride located in Disney's Magic Kingdom.

ISTEP

gateway to graduation

ISTEP was the new (and tough) math sophomore exam. Students needed to pass the 'gateway' exam in order to graduate.

Before the test your palms are sweaty, thoughts are racing through your head and then when that one word "begin" comes out of the instructors' mouth, your head goes blank and you forget everything.

Prior to the test being taken, the test was changed so that every student had to pass in order to graduate. "I really don't care that they changed it so you have to pass to graduate. It wasn't that hard of a test to pass," sophomore Paul Bauer said. Before ISTEP results came out, 39 percent of students were assumed to not pass the math section and 29 percent were assumed to not pass the English section.

Out of 658 students that took the exam, 30 percent did not pass the English section and 47 percent

did not pass the math section. "In math, we were disappointed," principal Mr. Richard Kirchner said.

The pass/fail mark for the English section was 466 points and the math was 486 points. The pass/fail mark was lowered before the test was taken as a graduation exam. "I couldn't believe I failed. I thought the math was easy," sophomore Eric Lowe said.

For all students that failed the ISTEP test, there were two options in order to graduate. The first option was to retake the section or sections that the student failed. There were four more possible times to retake the test, during the fall and spring of their junior and senior year.

The other option for the students was to maintain a C average and receive recommendations from

math and/or English teachers. "The only reasonable option is to pass the test the next four times," Kirchner said.

During the semester following the ISTEP exam, all those who did not pass had a study hall where they could receive the help they needed. "We will be going over everything," geometry teacher Mr. Joe Sparacino said. According to the Portage Times after the test was taken, \$20 million was given by the state for remediation programs. The money was distributed by the number of students that did not pass and the scores of students.

The ISTEP test is just another way to ensure that students are actually absorbing the material taught to them in class. *written by Chris Mihail*



I don't think they should standardize your whole high school career on one test.

(sophomore Elizabeth Young)



It's good because now people actually have to listen and pay attention in class.

(sophomore Clayton Hentrich)



I don't think we should take it because it's not really what we learn in high school.

(sophomore Jennifer Escobar)

mini magazine

Zero Gravity

new dance club to sip s Zero
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Dancing all night until the break of dawn is what people like to do at the latest club to hit the scene in Merrillville.

Located across the street from Southlake Mall and Italiani's Restaurant at 1500 E. 83rd Ave., Zero Gravity offers a drug and alcohol-free dance environment to people ages 16-23. Included in the \$11 entrance fee is a small buffet, dancing, the use of pool tables and arcade games, and a night of meeting new people and letting loose.

"We opened in Merrillville because more and more people were calling our Naperville information line with Indiana area codes. So after Market research, we decided it would be a good idea to open a second Zero Gravity in Merrillville," owner Paul Malek said.

To enter the club one needs some form of

identification and will have to pass through standard metal detectors. Not only will a person have to have an ID but they must be sure to wear proper attire. There is a dress code that requires one from wearing anything that suggests gang activity; such as athletic jerseys, wide-legged jeans, or caps facing any way other than forward. Muscle shirts and bibbed overalls are also prohibited. The purpose of the dress code is to keep the club from having any problems. "The general idea is to keep this a safe and fun environment," Malek said. Another part of keeping the club safe is the police officers. There are three off duty police officers stationed at club working along with the staff to ensure safety.

Also adding to the safe yet fun atmosphere is the decor, which consists of black-lit neon murals,

latex aliens, and a large hanging space ship, which helps contribute to the club's theme of "Aliens Attack Merrillville."

"I like the contemporary artwork on the walls, and the music is really fun to dance to," senior Amanda Stentesy said.

As DJ's spin songs and remixes from the top 40 and radio stations B96 and Q101, the floor booms with eager party-goers. "I thought the remixes were a blast. I definitely will return," sophomore Kristan Glancy said.

Though the music pumps until 4 a.m., teens under the age of 18 must remember to leave by curfew, which for them is 11 p.m. With Zero Gravity Merrillville opened teens will now have a place to let their dance grooves loose.

written by Shawna Rja

Girls vs. Guys

What most irritates you about a girl?

"They ask too many questions," senior Andy Drake said.

"They always want you to be more romantic," sophomore Chad Watkins said.

"I hate it when girls say they're fat or ugly," senior Tim Armenta said.

"When they whine a lot," sophomore Derrick Cowger said.

Is it true girls are more sensitive?

"Yes, girls are always crying," sophomore Chad Watkins said.

Who lies more?

"Girls are always trying to hide stuff so the guy don't get mad," sophomore Derrick Cowger said.

Who is more honest?

"Girls are more honest because they seem to be more sincere with people's feelings," junior Justin Tucker said.

What attracts you to the opposite sex?

"A good attitude, attractiveness and honesty," junior George Burchuk said.

Who is more honest?

"Guys because when girls lie, they don't admit it, but when guys lie they admit it," sophomore Chastidy Parks said.

What most irritates you about a guy?

"I don't like the guys who are picky and no fun. I also don't like guys who are jealous," senior Sarah Johnson said.

"Everything irritates me, especially possessiveness," sophomore Chrystal Rodriguez said.

Who is more forgiving?

"Girls, because it is their nature to forgive guys," sophomore Ana Villanueva said.

Is it true girls are more sensitive?

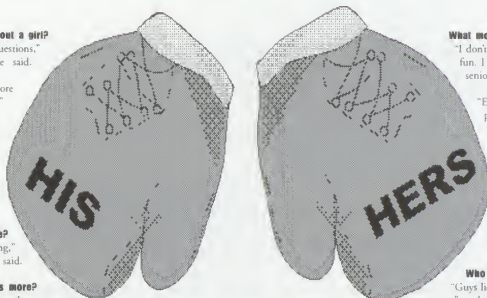
"Girls cry more because they cry for attention," senior Sarah Johnson said.

Who lies more?

"Guys lie more because they are too shy to tell you," sophomore Rachel Vallejo said.

What attracts you to the opposite sex?

"Sense of humor and honesty," junior Krista King said.



BLOCK SCHEDULING

An old idea *as block scheduling sweeps the nation, changes come into effect* makes way into classrooms to change every students daily routine.

The new conception its way is called block scheduling. Block scheduling is an old idea taking effect in schools all across the country. There are two different kinds of block scheduling; block 4, also called 4x4 or 4+1, and block 8. The difference in the two are how the classes are arranged.

The block 8 would be arranged four classes a day during two days. The average student would have eight classes with two schedules and would alternate them so that the classes would be meeting every other day. The administration decided not to go with the block 8 but to go with the block 4. Mr. Richard Kirchner, principal, said, "Block 4 was more beneficial to the students."

The block 4 consists of the same four classes a day for nine weeks. The time of the class periods will increase to 90 minutes a period and everything that can be taught in one semester can be taught in nine weeks.

Sophomore Brian Ball said, "I think it will be boring because we'll have to sit through boring classes longer than we normally have to, but we'll have less homework."

There will be many new changes for students to adjust to next year, though these changes are not yet set in stone. The staff and school board has met on a number of changes.

Pros

1. More time spent with each student.
2. Fewer books to carry.
3. Less homework to do.
4. Only four classes a day to go to.
5. Less stressful than the current system.

Cons

1. More time spent in the class.
2. Teachers must change existing plans.
3. Always changing schedule.
4. New change in the attendance policy.
5. Have to have more credits to graduate.

Example Schedule: Class of 2000

Junior	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Block 1	English 11	English 11	Algebra 2	Algebra 2
Block 2	Foreign L.	Foreign L.	Biology 2	Biology 2
Block 3	U.S. History	U.S. History	Sociology	Photography
Block 4	Band	Band	Band	Band

Fads of the '90s

- ❑ Giga pets
- ❑ Beanie Babies
- ❑ Flare jeans
- ❑ Sweater vests
- ❑ Glitter
- ❑ Body piercing
- ❑ Cargo pants
- ❑ '60s/'70s retro look
- ❑ Tanning
- ❑ Colored hair

It's a shame that in your opinion, administration
should have to deal with containers like these
during the lunch

Open Containers

The biggest problem with the open-container rule was that most students simply chose to overlook it. To solve this dilemma, the administrators have been issuing warnings and Saturday classes for those individuals who refused to obey the rule.

"It's a rule that the students have been a little lax on, so we [the administration] just plan to enforce it more," Jane Larson, the assistant principal in charge of sophomores at East, said.

On page 24 of the Student/Parent Handbook for the 1997/1998 school year, it is stated that students may not bring unsealed beverages into the building. The penalty for violating the rule involves a Saturday class for the first time offender, and if the problem persists, the

punishment will follow regular disciplinary procedures; becoming more severe as well. Regardless of the punishment the rule itself had its own affect on students; while it especially upset some, other were bewildered by the existence and the need for the rule in the first place. Certain students disagreed with the rule entirely.

"I don't think it's fair," junior Kim Kehoe said. "I have to drink a lot of water, and I don't have enough money to buy lunch and bottled water each day. It doesn't make sense."

The reason behind the rule is that the administration is unsure of the contents of the unsealed container. Alcohol and other drugs may be concealed within the container, and those are just a few of the substances that school officials do not

want to encounter on school grounds.

"It doesn't have a direct impact on me, so if the rule stops a problem, then it's fine with me," junior Amber McKiddy said.

Students are, nonetheless, allowed to have sealed containers in school around the cafeterias during the mornings and at lunch.

They are also allowed to have sealed drinks at their lockers if the particular beverage will be used for lunch. Bottled water, on the other hand, seems to be a different story.

"No water is allowed in any class or hall; that's what we have water fountains for," Larson said.

written by Ashley C. Lewis

Teen Clinic

Since last year the teen clinic and community clinic were introduced into the school. The teen clinic expanded its hours Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The community clinic serves the public from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The mission statement said that it "Is to promote proper health maintenance to treat and prevent and increase in illness striving for a healthier student body," Jennifer Graves, registered nurse/ certified nurse practitioner said. The teen clinic and community clinic serves the public by appointment.

The reason for the expansion is that students have reached out to the clinic. Senior Jason Dusz thought "It's pretty cool," Graves, who worked with the students as the nurse practitioner at both clinics, graduated from Purdue Calumet and has been specially certified for this position. Graves also a health professional for 19 years is under the supervision of Dr. John Johnson for both clinics. The teen clinic was supported by Porter Memorial Hospital. The idea was created by the Portage Township School Board and Jan Wilson, Director of health services. "It's a good idea," Dusz said about the clinics. The teen clinic was offering nutritional counseling, anemia screening, pregnancy testing, urinary tract infection testing, communicable disease testing, for low and high blood sugar evaluation and treatment of minor injuries and illness, alcohol/substance abuse counseling with a referral, and teen parenting with adoles-

cent growth and development concerns. Graves thought the most current goal for changing the teen clinic was "hopefully to help the students that day." All students were followed up on for the exception of minor ailments and headaches. All cases should be followed up on because of a change the case could get worst. An example could be that an ear infection could turn into a popped eardrum if not taken care of. With

the donation of medicine from Porter Memorial Hospital, antibiotics could be handed out to those who needed them. The teen clinic was free as with all innerschool treatment for students. All out-of-school treatment will have a fee. Suicidal treatment was dealt with immediately. This also deals with the outside school experts. With stress Graves recommended music, aromatherapy, or exercise. Just as long as he or she keeps the communication lines open.

Other than counseling, the school had pregnancy tests, which are

done at the lab. If the pregnancy tests were positive, students had three days to tell parents. If a parent did not want any tests run on the student, they could indicate that when they signed the release form for treatment. There was also literature to help students through some of the tough times.



Sophomore Heather Jenkins takes advantage of the clinic. The clinic was recently made more available because of its new schedule.

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A Few Favorites

Fav Movies

"Truman Show"

"Titanic"

"Deep Impact"

"Starship Troopers"

"Scream 2"

"X-Files"

"Godzilla"

"Can't Hardly Wait"

"Wedding Singer"

"I Know What You Did Last

Summer"

Least Fav Movies

"Spice World"

"Great Expectations"

"Hush"

"My Best Friend's Wedding"

"Spawn"

"As Good As It Gets"

"American Werewolf"

"Kiss the Girls"

"Dirty Work"

"Good Will Hunting"

Fav Songs

"My All"

Mariah Carey

"My Heart Will Go On"

Celine Dion

"Give Me My Money Back"

Ben Folds Five

"What you Want"

Mase

"I Miss My Homies"

Master P

"Truley Madly Deeply"

Savage Garden

"All My Life"

K-Ci and JoJo

Least Fav Songs

"Song # 2"

Blur

"Walking on the Sun"

Smash Mouth

"The Way"

Fast Ball

"You Make Me Wanna"

Usher

"Been Around The World"

Puff Daddy

"Doin' It"

LL Cool J

"Run Around"

Blues Traveler

new shows of '98

Dawson's Creek

The new show from the writer of *Scream* brought the brutally honest dialogue and realistic situations of teenagers to the television screen, and quickly gained popularity.

Scrubs

After nine years the show called it quits, ending an era of innovative comedy to an end, much to the dismay of faithful viewers everywhere.

South Park

The cable television show, available in South Haven, was initially intended for adults, but the little cartoons hit it big with the under-

18 population with their own brand of humor.

Ally McBeal

The new show displayed the trials and tribulations of a young female lawyer trying to balance career and a personal life with both seriousness and humor.

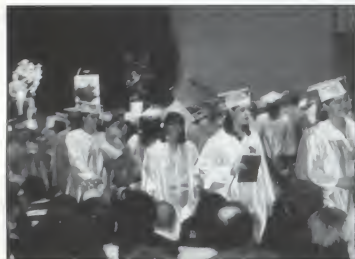
Thharma and Greg

The comedy about two very different people with one very important thing in common, the fact that they are married, brought a smile to most who watched it.

Compiled by *Unijels Czizara*

Walking down the aisle, some of the senior class feels overwhelmed after they have received their diploma. Some students chose to graduate mid-term in order to start their education in college sooner.

As they walk down hall one last time, the senior class of 1998 starts to feel a little bit nervous as they head toward the gym. The class walked into the gym as the orchestra played "Pomp and Circumstance."



As students close the book of their high school career they prepare to start a new and exciting chapter of their free, yet overwhelming, life.

the final chapter

All of the papers are written, all of the homework is passed in, and all of books are returned. Thirteen long years of school has finally come to an end as students await their time to turn the tassel to the other side.

Graduation is a time for choices. Receiving your diploma is like receiving a key to the door of your future. You choose which door to walk through. Students decide whether to go to college or to find a job. So many feelings to overcome as you leave high school, such as feelings of anxiousness, excitement, relief, sadness, and some even felt a little scared. "It's scary be-

cause it's in the crossroads of my life. I'm afraid of starting all over again with college," senior Glodia Tufaga said.

Not all students are scared or anxious. Many are relieved that their school years have come to a small halt. "The load of high school and all of the minor things that go with it are off my back. The stress is gone," senior John-Michael Hutchins said. Although high school was at times aggravating and stressful, some students left those feelings behind as they made their way to the podium.

Entering the gym to "Pomp and Circumstance," the future graduates quietly sat down. Mr. Richard Kirchner,

principal, stepped up to the lectern and began his speech about life after high school. Following Kirchner were Valedictorian senior Ryan Sweeny, Salutatorian Tiffany Pullen, and Senior class president Theresa Frechette. They each told of their own experiences to the graduating class of 1998.

While listening to the speeches some graduates sat calmly while others sat anxiously awaiting for their own time to shine in front of everyone.

Finally the moment approaches when the graduates swell with pride as they listen for those special words from Kirchner, "Congratulations to the class of 1998!"

Written by: The Class of 1998
 Creative: The Class of 1998

Designed by: Christine Anderson



Outside the gym, the seniors gather one last time as a whole. The class had the chance to say good-bye to their classmates while waiting in the lobby. Many showed their true feelings about each other by crying and laughing. After graduation many graduates had open houses to celebrate.

In the gym the graduating class anxiously anticipates the announcements of their names. Mr. Richard Kirchner gave a speech announcing the senior class to the audience followed by speeches from Valedictorian Ryan Sweeny, Salutatorian Tiffany Pullen, and class President Theresa Frechette.



Performing her complicated floor routine, junior **Lindsay Easton** concentrates on flawlessly completing all of her difficult moves. Easton was team captain along with **Tiffany Stewart**, who tied a school record on the beam and placed second in the all-around in **state** competition. As a team, Easton and Stewart placed second at the **Pairs Invitational**. Gymnastics, like many sports, allowed teammates to become close friends during and between seasons.



Leading the **SADD/STOP** meeting, junior **Peggy Shelton** writes out the day's agenda. The group was involved in many community activities in an attempt to educate the public about domestic, drug and alcohol abuse. On **May 7**, they held the "**Day of the Dead**," to illustrate the horrors of drunk driving before Prom. Actual police officers came to school and told students their classmates were killed by drunk driving. The "dead" students went through the school day mute and clothed in black.



Almost every school function, performed in front of an audience in the auditorium or gymnasium was recorded by the **Video Club** and sold for \$10 at the bookstore. Senior **Kris Boruff** prepares for a shot of "**The Edge**," the news program that was broadcast on channel four about once a week. Some members of the Video Club worked closely with the **Broadcasting** class to put together the show, which had a somewhat rough but educational season. The Video club also worked on various projects.



The **boys' tennis** team had one major snag in its smooth-sailing season that had nothing to do with their players or their performance. The **tennis courts**, which were torn down at the beginning of the summer, were still in the process of renovation throughout the boys' tennis season, forcing them to practice elsewhere. Junior **Mike Kramer** prepares to play out the the next point on the finally finished tennis courts. Despite the expected hurdle they had to leap over, the team had a **successful** season overall, with a record of 13-3.

ality



Practicing his tuba for marching band, freshman Steve Fejes learns to juggle a busy schedule between band practice, football practice, school work and social time. The Marching Band traveled to Florida over Spring Break to march two Disney parades. The cost for each member was about \$490, but to help cover the cost the members sold raffle tickets.

Feeling Pressure

Many students felt pressure almost every day at home, school or work. The stress level grew higher with the pressures of each changing day.

He walks up the stairs and throws his bookbag on the floor. Feeling stressed out he turns around and slams the door.

School and homework were two of the most common causes of stress among students. Having seven classes a day sometimes led to seven homework assignments at night. "There is a lot of stress in homework," junior Paul Robertson said. Homework many students because there was so much to do in so little time, causing some students to feel overwhelmed. Many students found there was a tremendous amount of stress to do homework in the classes that they needed to graduate. "Homework does cause stress. I have government and economics and those classes I need to graduate," senior Louis Dominguez said.

For seniors, making sure term papers were in on time was a huge stress

factor because of all the deadlines. For freshman the pressure of starting high school was stressful because the classes were more difficult. "It has only been a few months, but it is a lot harder and there is a lot more homework and there is a lot of stress because I have to make sure everything is turned in on time," freshman Peggy Lomax said. Not only was school stressful, but so were sports.

"Getting up at 5 a.m. and not getting home until 7 p.m. is stressful because it doesn't leave much time for everything else like homework," junior Jeremy Leonard, a wrestler said. Practices for sports were often before and after school, leaving less time to do homework.

Some of the players were stressed because of their grades. They had to make good grades in order to play. "I am a manager for the football team and I am in marching band so I am stressed

because I have both practices and games and there isn't a lot of time to do homework," junior Paul Robertson said. Even though students were under stress from school they found ways to deal with it.

"I play my guitar," Leonard said. "It calms me down and takes the pressure off." Other students played sports, read books, watched television or just laid down and relaxed. Some students, when they were stressed, took out their frustrations on the people around them. "I sometimes take it out on my friends because I am stressed and under pressure and they can get on my nerves," Robertson said.

Stress was a part of most teenagers lives and many found their own ways to deal with it. Some played an instrument, while others talked to friends.

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Taking Time-out

Taking time-out to relax, junior Andrew Volk leans against the wall. When stressed, many students often took time out to be alone and to collect their thoughts.

photograph by Alanna Johnson

To Test or Not to Test

Sitting in her class, junior Stephanie Wilcox takes a test. For some, pressure built up because they were worried about receiving a good grade on their tests. Many students often felt stressed when test time came around.

photograph by Nicole Nemeth





Taking a Break

At his locker, junior Brian Hernandez takes time to relax from school work and enjoy the five minutes between classes. Many students became frazzled at school and took time to calm down and gather their thoughts from the pressures of school.

photograph by Tiffany Dominic

Beyond the Limit

Feeling the pressure of school, senior Nathan Orug sits in his classroom while he looks over his homework. If students had a test that they did not study for, they often became worried and stressed. Many seniors felt stressed because of the graduation requirements.

photograph by Kathy Garra



An Added Note

Top 10 ways to relieve stress

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| 1. scream | 6. long drives/walks |
| 2. exercise | 7. sleep |
| 3. play/listen to music | 8. shop |
| 4. go out with friends | 9. eat/cook |
| 5. watch television/movie | 10. break things |

Making the Day

Attitude had much to do with class work. Friends, teachers can have an effect on a person's attitude, as well as their personality.

She got out of bed she stubbed her toe on the door, then spilled her cereal all over the floor. She knew at that moment that she would have a horrible day. For some, school was a contributor to the attitude a person would have during the course of a day.

Some students felt that coming to school everyday was good and they had a positive attitude about it. "I have a good attitude at school because I get to get away from my parents," senior Tim Armenta said.

Other students had a different type outlook and said that school put them in a bad mood. "School is frustrating and when teachers are mean to you, you get a bad attitude for the rest of the day," senior Louis Dominguez said. Teachers might have been one of the top contributors to students attitudes throughout each day. Teacher's could have affected a student's attitude, if they had a negative attitude.

Not only were the teachers a probable cause, but the classes and home-

work might also have been a contributor.

After about three classes and three homework assignments, some students might start to get annoyed. Then it might cause the student not to want to do the homework and that could cause a negative effect on the student's grade. If the student did not do the homework, that was a missing grade in the grade book and that could cause the student's grade to be lowered.

"School is frustrating especially because of teachers. You may think you did good on an assignment, then you get it back and the teacher totally degraded your work and you get a bad grade," sophomore Richard Banke said. "Then you get a bad attitude and are in a bad mood for the rest of the day and you may hold a grudge against the teacher for the rest of the year." Teachers and homework were not the only cause of attitudes. Peers such as parents and teachers could also effect attitudes.

"If students are around people with a bad attitude it will put them in a bad

mood. But if you were around types of people with a good attitude than it would help you have a good attitude," Dominguez said. Peers were the main cause of attitude changes among most students. Armenta said that having a bad attitude could maybe benefit you because, "If a teacher or student had a bad attitude than the students would be able to have a bad attitude back." Some students felt that when their friends had an attitude with them they could say, "Why do you have such an attitude? And I would tell them to get an attitude adjustment," Armenta said.

Bad attitudes seemed to be the most disliked attitude among some students. Some attitudes were affected by friends and teachers, as well as their home life. In the end, however, it came down to the individual person to decide what type of attitude he or she would like to have throughout the course of the day.

most in school, "Attitude is the key to the game," Armenta said. "It's not just a game."

Say Cheese

Smiling, freshman Demetrice Evans shows a good attitude toward his teacher. Having a good attitude in class could show on report cards. If students were positive about the class, they were less likely to fall asleep and more likely to pay attention.
photograph by Tiffany Dominic





A Common Background

Standing by the commons, juniors Dana Tarin, Rachel Fink, Courtney Wallace, Natalie Kirincic and Mindy Hansell joke around and laugh about events that occurred that day. The commons were a place where many different attitudes could be seen from the many diverse circles of many friends and backgrounds.

photograph by Tiffany Dominic



A Great Experience

Looking into the microscope at specimens, sophomore Crystal Rodriguez and Amber Switzer get hands-on experience with lab equipment. Hands-on activities gave students more of an understanding of the subject and a better attitude toward the class because they experienced the lesson first hand.

photograph by Nicole Nemer



Working to Exhaustion

Being tired in class can cause a bad attitude. Junior Anton Scibal tries to keep his head up in class so that he could pay attention and not fall asleep. Some students had a problem with staying awake in classes. They either found the class was boring or just a little hard to pay attention to the lesson.

photograph by Tiffany Dominic



Anticipating the Unknown

Waiting to speak with one of the principals, junior Tom Kirkpatrick and sophomore Nicole Sutherland sit patiently in main office B. Many students were called down to the office either for a punishment or to discuss important issues with their respective principal. Being called down to the principals office often terrified some students because they did not know why they were being summoned down to the office.

photograph by Tiffany Dominic

First Day Jitters

Students reminisce about their first days of high school including their fears of teachers, classes, new students. Many realized that it was not as horrible as expected.

As they walked down the crowded hallway for the first time since the previous summer, some students thought to themselves, how will I ever find anything? Those thoughts about their "first day" stayed with them throughout their first, and possibly most, intimidating, year of high school.

"I thought it would be fun and exciting," said freshman Kenny Puert, referring to his first day of high school. Other students had different opinions. "I didn't really know what to think about high school, but now I think it's even better," freshman Aaron Garza said.

Although the fear still existed, some students enjoyed the thrill and excitement of new surroundings. Junior Alice Farr said, "I thought it was kind of frightening and cool at the same time." Many students shared the same feeling, including junior Peggy Shelton. Shelton was worried that she would not find her classes. "I don't even worry about it now, after going to high school for three years, I know where I am going," Shelton said.

Sophomore Dennis Cimbaljevich

said he feared he would not pass his required classes, as well as the Gateway 2000 test. Cimbaljevich also said, "I thought high school would be bigger and really crowded and confusing when you crossed buildings."

On the other hand, some students did not worry at all. Junior Rachel Jamison said, "I never really had any fears, I was too excited about starting school." This is the way freshman Lynn Ewen felt until she actually lived through her first day. "I was scared that I wouldn't know anyone in my classes or lunch," Ewen said.

Senior Dustin Ristau said that he did not really have any fears of high school because he knew a lot of people and was not nervous at all.

Despite having fears or not, many students and teachers felt there were always ways to overcome them. "I know that whenever I have a fear, I can always count on my friends to help me out," Shelton said.

Interview by Justin Johnson
 Edited by Courtney Blaylock



Making the Grade

In her classroom, junior Amanda Smith makes up a test after school. The thought of having to take a test may have scared some students. Teachers often stayed after school to help students finish work they did not get done in class, or to make up work if they were absent. Students had the same amount of days that they were absent to make up any missing homework.

photograph by Ricky Goggin

Good or Bad

Sitting in the hall, senior Nora Cuellar completes an assignment she missed. Fear of getting a bad grade was common among many students. Grades could determine a student's future out of high school. Colleges looked at a student's grades as well as their out of school and athletic involvement. They also looked at individual out of school involvement.

photograph by Tiffany Dominic



An Added Note

Top 10 fears of high school

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. flatulence | 6. not having any friends |
| 2. upperclassmen | 7. no one to sit with at lunch or in class |
| 3. embarrassment in front of peers | 8. mean teachers |
| 4. no dates | 9. not making the grade |
| 5. getting caught while cheating | 10. bad hair day |

A New Language

In his Spanish class, sophomore Matt Hutchins gets help from his teacher Mrs. Lynn Huerta. Some students often feared learning a new language because they might have been embarrassed to speak it in front of their class. Many foreign language teachers encouraged their students to speak as much as possible to help overcome their fears.

photograph by Tiffany Dominic

Help Me Understand

In his biology class, freshman Bobby Holzman gets help from Miss Elizabeth Duncan. Students that felt they needed extra help understanding their assignments often went to their teachers for an explanation.
photograph by Tiffany Dominic



Making a List

Making the list of tutors for the National Honor Society (NHS), senior Stephanie Waugh decides who should be paired. Waugh was the chairman for the tutor program and had to keep track of who needed a tutor and who already had one. Many NHS members chose to either tutor or be a mentor for other students.
photograph by Kathy Garri



Seeking an Answer

Lending a helping hand, senior Fahad Javed points out a clue to the answer that freshman Robert Espinoza has about his studies. Some students helped out their peers when turned to with questions about assignments.
photograph by Kathy Garris



Lending a Hand

Students turn to tutors for help for many reasons. These reasons may be because the student did not understand the assignment or they just had trouble in that class. Whether a student decides to go to a tutor is up to him or her, but a little help never hurt.

The sound of paper tearing and the disgusted look on a student's face as he throws his assignment away captures the attention of fellow students. A student tutor could have helped him understand his assignment.

Difficult classes may have led to stress, frustration and anxiety. Learning study habits or a good tutor could have been one way to deal with a difficult class. "It helped me a lot. I went from an F to a C in one tutoring session once," sophomore Derek Williams said.

Miss Beth Duncan, chemistry teacher, said that there was not a specific type of student who needed tutoring. She also felt that it was normally a good student who was just struggling in a section or one who needed a confidence boost in a subject on which they were currently working.

To obtain a peer tutor, the student filled out an application at the National Honor Society office or had a teacher recommendation. "Normally students decide to come see me when they are having trouble in a class or just have a difficult assignment," Duncan said.

Some students did not take advantage of tutors because they were afraid of feeling unintelligent. "A typical tutoring session consists of answering students questions, going over the les-

son, and making sure they understand the information," senior Tony Racich, a peer tutor, said. Williams felt that if he did not understand the information, he was bothering the tutor. Racich also said, "It can be frustrating but I'm pretty patient so it's nothing to worry about."

Another reason students may not have asked for help was that they were afraid of the teacher. Williams said tutoring with the teacher gave him more confidence and the ability to talk to the teacher because he knew them better.

Another conflict with tutoring were the extra-curricular activities in which students participated. Sports, jobs, clubs and community service all made it difficult to set up a time to be tutored or tutor. Most students had to find time. However, Williams added, "If you set it up in advance you really don't have that many problems."

Racich began tutoring gradually. At first he was just getting good grades and then students started asking him for help. Then Racich said he began to enjoy it and he chose to become a peer tutor. "I enjoyed it because it gave me a chance to help people and I was good at it," Racich said.

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Art by Christine Gorman
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Checking the Mailbox

Right after school, Cristal Palmateer races to the mailbox to see what her upcoming progress report reveals about her grades. Some students dreaded the time when progress reports came out, which was every nine weeks.

photographs by Amber Holman



An Added Note

Top 10 Excuses for Bad Grades

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. teacher didn't like me | 6. must have misprinted |
| 2. it wasn't fair | 7. couldn't see the board |
| 3. I was doing well | 8. missed an assignment |
| 4. didn't like the class | 9. didn't need the class |
| 5. I didn't know | 10. I tried hard |

It's About That Time

Anxiously looking for the grade that will be on her progress report, junior Sara Sasseville intently studies the grade sheet. Most teachers post grades after every week or every grading period to show students where they are in that class.

photographs by Tiffany Dominic



Halfway Through

Having progress reports come out midway through the nine weeks may scare some students. Those students who received bad grades often tried to avoid trouble by making up excuses to their parents.

It is halfway through the nine weeks. Everyone is going about their own business. When suddenly, students everywhere open their mailboxes and find a dreaded note from the school. Calm down, think, what could it be? It's a progress report!

Even though students did not fear progress reports like they did report cards, there was still that feeling of resentment toward them because it showed their grades. "Everyone knows basically what their grades are, but I think that only those students who are getting a "D" or an "F" should get progress reports or if their parents request them, otherwise they're pointless," sophomore Bethany Kane said.

Kane was not the only one who felt that way about progress reports. Sophomore Chad Watkins said, "I don't like them because they show my parents my grades."

Although students opposed to the progress reports, some found them help-

ful. "I like them because I can find out what I'm getting, and use the rest of my time bringing my grades up, or just keeping them where they are," junior Kristy Alaniz said. There were reasons progress reports were handed out to all students. For example, they could be there to help the students find out ahead of time what their grades were so they could change their grades. They are not there to cause trouble.

"They aren't supposed to help us and encourage us to either do better, or do whatever we need to do to get good grades and do the best we can," Alaniz said. While many students still used progress reports to their advantage, other students may have wondered why they have had a "D" or an "F" on their report card. Progress reports were there to let the student know where they had stood midway through the grading period.

*—Continued by Kristy Alaniz
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In the Beginning

Looking over her progress report, junior Jennifer Fekete reads her first nine week midterm grades and teacher comments. Seeing the grades made it very helpful for most students to see where improvement was needed so they could raise their grades before report card time.

photographs by Amber Holeman

Working Together

Before school starts, senior Mark Heckman reads the Pow Wow, while junior Cairiel D'Aloisio and senior William Rajski study by their lockers to help one another with homework. Students often paired or worked in groups to help learn and understand assignments in certain classes.

photograph by Alanna Johnson



An Added Note

10 suggested places to study

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. bedroom | 6. friend's house |
| 2. kitchen table | 7. class |
| 3. public library | 8. study hall |
| 4. coffee shop | 9. a park |
| 5. media center | 10. the commons |

Raising the Grades

While working as a hall monitor, junior Don Magee studies to finish up homework.

Hall monitors were used to lessen the flow of traffic in the halls during lunch periods. Students were not allowed in the halls during lunch hours without a pass. While many students volunteered to help in the halls during their study hall, others used their study halls to catch up on assignments for different classes.

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Time to Study

Students find helpful ways, new places to studying.

Some students study in their spare time, while others cram their homework in between jobs, athletic events, social time.

Telephone ringing, music softly playing in the background while he sits down in a comfortable chair and studies.

This might be the ideal place where students could study quietly. Most students studied at home or at a friend's house. Many students studied in a favorite room in the house, where parents or friends could help them.

Some students received help from their friends, family or tutors. Junior Alice Farr said, "I think friends can either help or hurt your studying. It is the person's choice to study with who they choose though." However, for some students, studying with friends may have been a distraction. Other distractions included the phone, television or younger siblings in the background.

Sophomore Alex Lo said, "I have music and the television on, and the

phone is usually ringing." Sometimes these kinds of distractions would take away from homework. Study habits varied for some students by not having the radio and television on. Senior Dustin Ristau said, "While I study I usually eat fruit, but the occasional Snickers won't hurt once in a while."

When some students studied they usually needed a quiet atmosphere to make their work accurate. "I can go on my couch or bed to study," Lo said.

Other people like to study in different environments. Sophomore Chris Kleckner said, "I like it outside because it is quiet and peaceful."

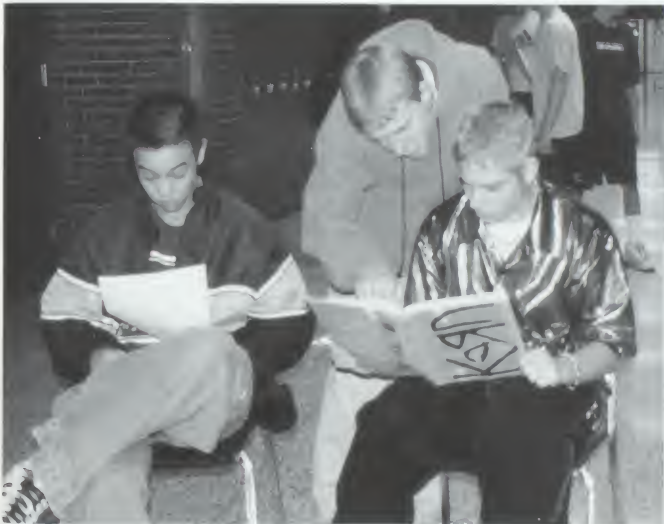
Different environments could have affected how some people studied, in a good way, and maybe even bad. "I try to study at least 30 minutes a day," Kleckner said.

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illustration by Lauren Truitt*

Racing to Finish

Intently studying with a friend, sophomores David Pullen and Jasen Paulsen work together on an assignment, while sophomore Jon Cliver works on a worksheet. The halls before school were the setting in which most students finished or started their homework.

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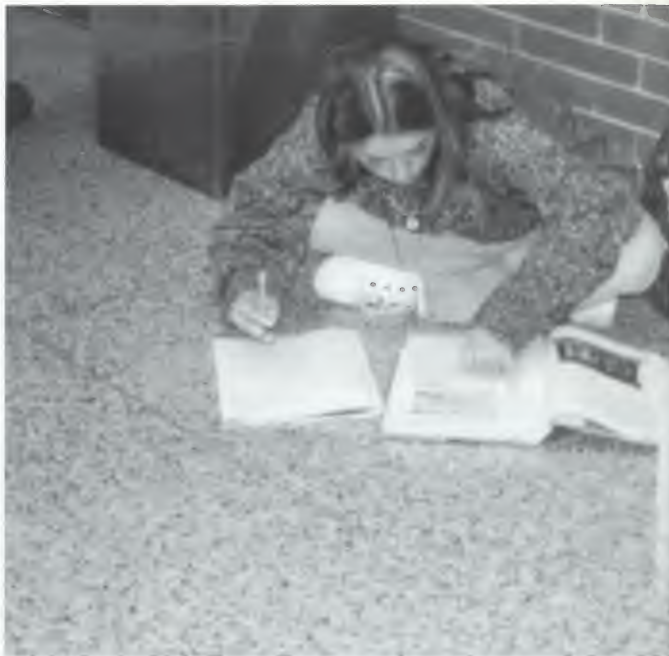


Racing to Class

Between bells, sophomore Amber Collette rapidly studies to finish her assignment in the few minutes left before class. Some students who did not get done with their work at home often finished before school at their lockers with some friends

or between bells.

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The Final Moment

Some students put off homework until the very last possible moment in order to have time for extracurricular activities, socializing.

*P*icture this: Walking down the hall, turning into the room and seeing a stack of books. Books needed for homework. Many students ask themselves "Just how long can the homework fate be fought off?"

Procrastination was a fact that everyone may have faced at one time. Some of the reasons students put off the inevitable were, "people procrastinate because they're lazy," sophomore Jennifer Andrews said. Some students felt that they just did not have enough time. "Some people's schedules are too hectic so they just don't have the time, or forget about it," sophomore Angela Espinoza said.

Even some teachers believed the rate of procrastination had risen. "I always see my students trying to finish

their homework in my class right before the bell rings and it is time to turn them in," Spanish teacher Mrs. Linda Peda said.

Often, some students had so many other activities to do at one time that they felt overwhelmed. "A lot of times I wait until the last minute because I'm in a lot of sports so I don't have a lot of time to do my homework. But if I want to be on the team then I need to keep up my grades," sophomore Xavier Mendez said. Some people don't think that way though. Junior Joseph Tarin said, "To tell you the truth, I really don't think much about my homework."

With all of the new additions to Portage, people sometimes tended to "play" instead of work. For example, a student had an assignment that was due

the next day, but instead of finishing his homework, he went to the movies. Andrews said, "I think now people want to just go out and hang with their friends and have fun."

Not everyone felt that the rate of procrastination had increased. "I don't think it has risen because I'm sure that back in time the pioneers procrastinated as much as we do," sophomore Mary Nolan said.

"The more technology grows the more lazy the world becomes," freshman Christina Chase said. On the other hand, some people liked to put responsibilities off until a later time just because they may have other obligations that might have come first.

An Added Note

Top 10 Reasons Students Procrastinate

1. do not want to work
2. too tired
3. want to watch television
4. hang out with friends
5. too busy
6. no benefits of rushing
7. can do it later
8. talk on phone
9. do not have time
10. better things to do

In a Mad Rush

Standing in the middle of the hall, sophomore Tara Simmons opened her American History book and started to study for her class. Simmons prepared in a rush to finish her homework during her last few minutes before the class. History was one of the classes that were required to be taken by juniors in order to graduate.

photograph by Alanna Johnson



All Work, No Lunch

During their lunch hour sophomore Marie Salver and senior Melisa Fejes sit and work frantically on some of their assignments. Students often procrastinated and had to use their lunch hour to finish homework for their classes later on in the day.

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The Last Resort

Calling her mom to bring in the homework she forgot at home, junior Jennifer Rosendaul sits waiting for her mom to answer. Calling parents on the phone at school was a last resort to make sure the homework was in on time.

photograph by Alanna Johnson

Using Body Art to Pass a Test

Some students find themselves a little unprepared for tests. Some turned to various ways of cheating, including writing the answers on themselves and hoping the teacher would not notice them pulling up their sleeves while taking a test.

photo illustration by Kathy Rea



Breaking the rules

Cheating in the classroom, although against school policy, still happens. The need or want for passing grades could cause some students to find an alternative way to pass a class.

The student peers at his neighbor's paper, and yes, he can make out some of the answers. Quickly copying, he harbors little guilt. After all, he did not have time to study last night, it was not his fault he had practice, and the grading system in the class was hardly fair.

Perhaps most students did not go as far as copying a test word for word, but many dabbled in cheating of various kinds for one reason or another. There was a fine line between helping someone and letting someone copy. Many teachers encouraged helping others but would snap up a paper they saw being copied.

Classroom rules in this area have been relaxed from the past. Students today are allowed to work together much of the time and cheating has decreased. "There's not as much of a problem with cheating as there once was," Mr. Ray Siefrig said. "I try to let the kids work together as much as possible." Yet many teachers still take precautions, such as further separating students or even putting the entire class in the hall to make sure that no one would see their neighbor's test.

According to the Student/Parent

Handbook, "Cheating on tests or homework assignments will be considered a disciplinary violation. For the first offense, students will receive a zero on the particular assignment. For the second offense, students will be removed from class with a W/E." Students both agreed and disagreed with the rule, and some didn't even know it existed. "I think cheating on homework is wrong," junior Vicenta Chagoya said. "If you are cheating on homework you'll never learn, and you'll flunk tests."

Other students felt that cheating on homework was not a major crime and therefore participated in the act frequently. They rarely, if ever, were disciplined. "Cheating on homework is no big deal," sophomore Christine Spargo said. Most students such as Spargo agreed that cheating on a test was worse than any other kind of cheating. "Cheating on tests is wrong because they count as a big part of the final grade," sophomore Ryan Johnson said.

There were a variety of cheating methods used by both the expert, "experienced" cheaters and the novice please-don't-let-me-get-caught cheaters. "I have seen people actually do other

people's tests, steal answer keys from the teacher and let other people cheat off them," senior Dustin Ristau said. "They almost never get caught." Ways of cheating were sometimes so hard to discover it was no wonder the teacher did not catch on. "They [the cheaters] write answers on their hands and nails really lightly with pencil so no one can tell," freshman Erica Mendez said.

Sometimes the pressure for a good grade overwhelmed the student's conscience and morals. Many times it was a small point difference that could distinguish a C+ and a B-. "I saw a kid write test answers on his leg and then pull up his shorts during a test," junior Alice Farr said. "He really wanted a good grade."

It is a given that as long as there is schoolwork there will be cheaters. Cheating goes on in almost every sphere of life, and school was a large part of many people's lives. However, that does not mean that it was right or wrong. It was up to the student to decide what they believed and what they were going to do about it.



A Way To Pass

During testing, some students think the obvious method of just leaving their notes open on the floor is the best way of cheating. Some students who chose to do so most likely had teachers who did not walk around much during testing periods in their classes.

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Hiding the Guilt

The use of crib sheets can be employed in many ways. Some students chose to use the cupped-in-hand method to hide the crib sheet. The stress of part time jobs and busy schedules caused students not to have adequate time to study for many tests. Some students became very creative in their ways of cheating, and their excuses if caught.

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Scribbling Answers Away

Some students use crib sheets in order to cheat on exams and quizzes. One problem with the use of crib sheets was that they could be lost and hence found. They could be found by those that were not supposed to see them, namely teachers.

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At the homecoming dance, seniors Kari-Ann Baldridge and Kristin Hasselgren dance. Many students attended this dance after going to the homecoming game.



Participating in Outstanding Young Man, senior Daniel Walworth dances during the competition. Many seniors went out for OYM just to have fun.



Michelle Ahlfeld

Adam Alaniz

Christopher Alex

Jacqueline Alfaro

Tim Armenta

Michael Arwood

Jason Attinger

Patricia Badillo

Elizabeth Bailey

Natalie Balakir

Keri - Ann Baldridge

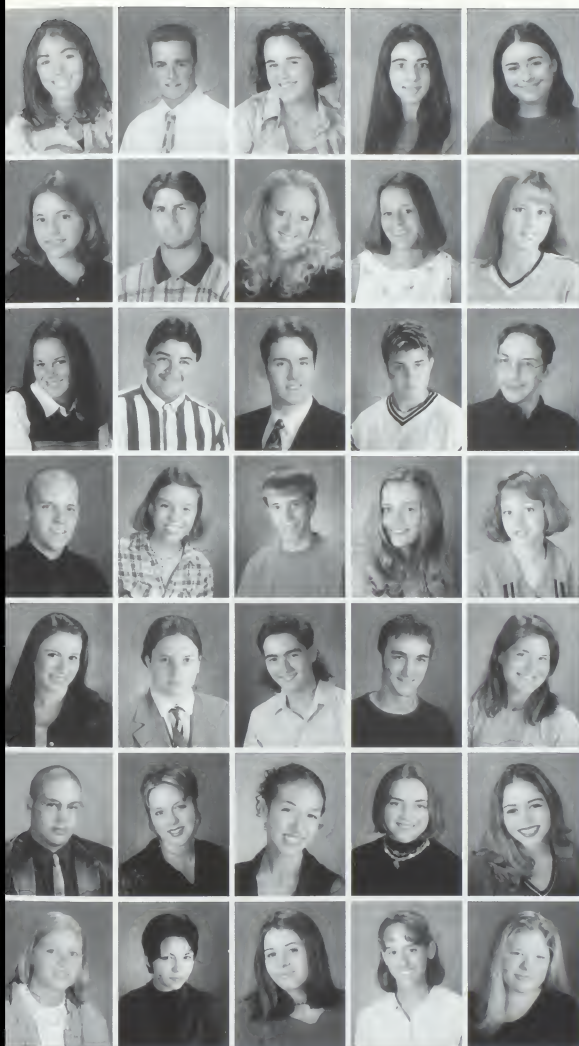
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Katherine Ballas

Jason Barwig

Natalie Bates





Michelle Batista

Nicholas Beardsley

Jessica Becke
Missy Bedroya

Alisa Bethel

Theresa Bickham

Terry Black
Holly Blake

Shanna Blanton
Kristy Boggs

Kelly Bonner

Tom Boomsma
Kris Boruff

Jacob Boyd
Issac Bragdon

Marc Brannon
Tracy Bretts

Keith Brown
Mary Brown

Stephanie Brown

Jamie Buchanan
Michael Buckmaster
Jeremy Buckner
Ryan Bull

Elizabeth Bunker

William Busch

Heather Bush

Maria Caballero

Jeanette Campbell
Rosa Carrion

Shawna Carter

Trisha Castagna

Shellie Catherman
Elizabeth Cattani

Holly Chinn

Brooke Chirila
Chad Chirwood
Anthony Cimbaljevich
Leacia Circle

Megan Cleary

Leslie Coello

Andrea Connelly
Brian Conner

April Cooros

Tracey Corey

Robert Cox
Kevin Crawford
Matt Crizer
Jim Culig
Crystal Cummings

Alexander Daich
Heather Danielewicz

Jennifer Darnell
Martha DeVaney

Josh Davis

Melissa DeBord
Kimberly DeBoe

Brianna Degener
Irene DeJesus

Mike Delph

Nicole DeMarco
James DeWitt
Thomas Dicken
Carisa Dixon
Louis Dominguez

Andy Drake

Michael Dranchak
Jason Dusz

Nicole Easton
James Eckelbarger





Greg Egenderfer
John Emmet
Natasha Erdelen

Eric Erway
Monica Essig



Winter Felinski

Sara Fields

Jillian Finnerty

Cheryl Flach

Amanda Flanagan



Holly Fleming
Aaron Fletcher
Mike Flores

Melissa Fluck

Amanda Ford



Natalie Fornari

Hayes Francis
Theresa Frechette
Chris Freville
Philip Gagna



Sharing a laugh, seniors John Michael Hutchins and Michael Odisho joke around. Hutchins and Odisho played together on the boys' varsity soccer team for four years.

Melissa Gales
Elaine Geeting

George Geren
Daniel Gesmond
Kristy Gilbert



Craig Golbesky



Laura Gonzalas
Lydia Gonzalas
Rachel Grant

Jason Greenwell

Marcy Greer

Todd Griffey
Angie Gutierrez
Bianca Gutierrez
Krystal Hale



Elden Hall
Nicole Hall

Ralfie Hamerski

Kristel Hammerstein

Amber Hammond



Richard Hardy
Kim Hasselgren

David Hasty
Adam Hatten
Michael Henderson



Kimberly Hendley
Tova Henson
Marisa Hernandez

Kristi Hesselstine

Amanda Hise



Holleah Hitchcock

Michelle Hodges
Benjamin Hofman
Joe Holloway

Jessica Hoover



Senior's Top Five

individuality

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o matter what the case, everyone is original in some sense. Everyone looks, acts and dresses differently whether they realize it or not. However, some students took being original to a whole new level when it came to their cars, lockers and book bags.

Personalizing individual items almost became a trend. Students painted their cars in their favorite colors and put stickers on the windows. While walking down the halls between classes, one could notice a collage of pictures and mementos inside the lockers of many students. Another common decoration was putting patches, glitter, writing and other miscellaneous items on book bags.

Many students did so in order to set themselves apart from the rest of the crowd. In a student body of this magnitude, it took a little creativity to be noticed.

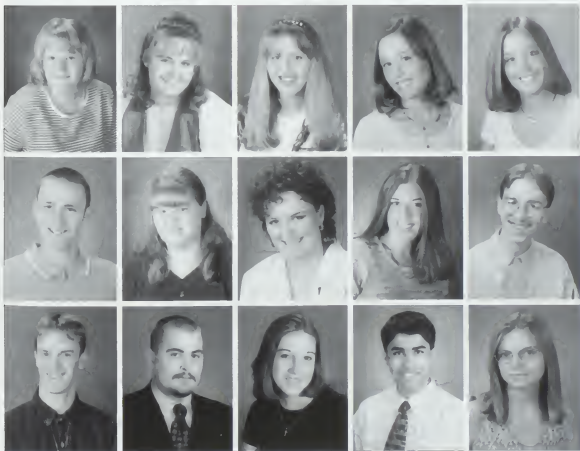
Although some decorated their belong-

ings to be original, others did it just for fun. Senior Ben Hoffman had more than 15 stickers decorating his Acura Integra. One of his favorites was "Powered by Oreos."

Some students had their own less serious reasons for decorating their lockers other than wanting to have fun. "I'm going to put pictures of my friends in my locker so even though my day at school is going to be crappy, I'll see pictures of my friends and that will make my day better knowing that there is a gleam of hope for it," senior Nathan Ozug said.

Many students kept pictures of all sorts in their lockers, including posters and photographs that reminded them of their favorite people.

"I'm going to put pictures of my friends in my locker so there is always a gleam of hope for my day."



Michelle Hostetler
Leah Gabrielle Huddleston

Teresa Hudson
Natalie Huffman
Stephanie Huffman

John-Michael Hutchins

Elisabeth Ireland

Diandra Irvin

Stefanie Iwan

James Jacobs

Randy Jacobson
Joe James

Gabrielle Jaremczek
Fahad Javed
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Sarah Johnson

Thomas Johnson

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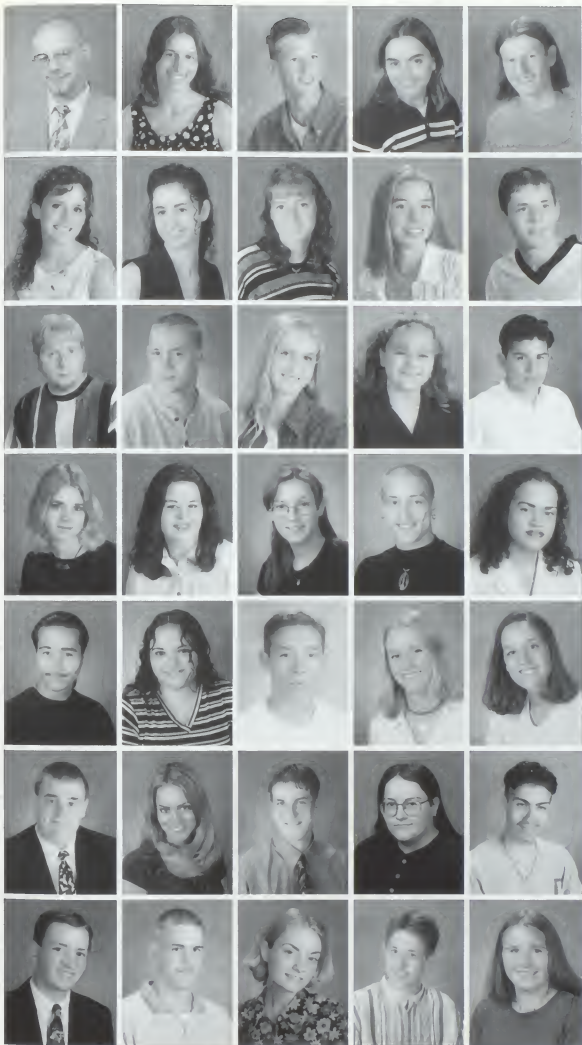
James Keaton
Kimberly Kelley
Emma Kirk
Jake Kleckner
Jessica Koons

Jamie Kornacki
Philip Kowlski
Femke Kroese
Brent Ksenak
John Kuehl



itting in a meeting
for Latin Club seniors
Eileen Geiting and
Melissa Fluck look at
the writing on the
board. Latin Club
members met with
eachother everyday.





Aaron Kujawa
Darlene Kuta
Nick Ladra

Chrissy Lawrence
Daniel Lehman

Mary Lennex
Heather Leon
Debbie Lesko

Kristen Levan
Terry Levin

Michael Lewandowski
Johnny Lewis

Nicole Lewis
Jamie Liebe

Joseph Llanos

Melissa Lloyd

Shannon Longmore
Melissa Lowe

Bryan Lucas
Tiana Lugo

Kirk Lyons
Leticia Macias

Tony Maldonado
Martina Malmros
Kristine Manion

Michael Manke
Monique Marrakis
Chris Martin

Kathi Martinez
Daniel Martinez

Michael Martinez
Joseph Martus

Julie Mason
Larry Massey
Jennifer Mauck

Jason McGann

Kelly McWilliams
Keely Mead

Darin Medlin
Jeremy Melton

Aragon Mendez
Shannon Meyer

Marc Mihalik

Stephen Mirich
Elizabeth Mirr

Tommy Mitchell
Lisa Morrisroe
Brandon Mowbray

Timothy Mulvihill
Tricia Muniz

Regina Muth

James Napier
Ronald Necco
Christopher Nelson

Megan Nelson

Tim Nelson

Marshall Newbold

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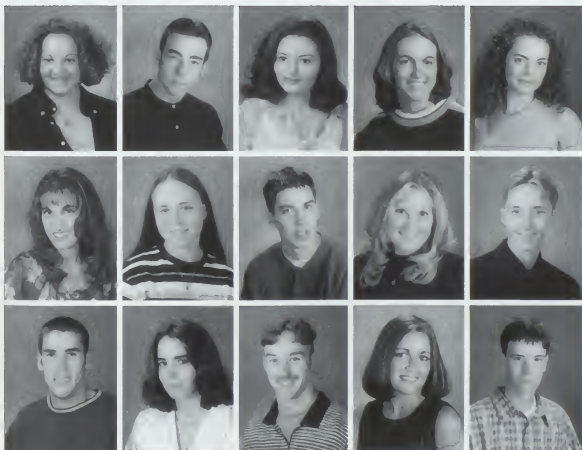
Laura Owen

Nathan Ozug





going through her daily routine in class senior Trish Castagna stares at the board while her teacher continues with that days lessons.



Melanie Pastor
Kevin Payne
Alicia Pedroza
Juleen Pezel

Danielle Pickart

Yvonne Pihl

Stacy Porter

Toby Provins

Tiffany Pullen
Todd Pulsoni

Tony Racich

Erica Radic
William Rajaski
Kelley Ramian
John Ray

Kathy Rea

Kimberly Reedy
Rebecca Reibly

John Reisinger

Christopher Replin

Eric Reynolds

Allen Rhodes
Kelly Rich
Trisha Richart

Mike Riley

Mike Rio
Aaron Rivera

Amy Rivera

Chris Rodgers

Angelita Rodriguez



p on stage playing the
flute senior Abigail Kay
gives it her all at the
Portage Junior Miss
Contest. Kay was also
in the play "Flowers for
Algernon."





Jeffery Ross
Rosemary Rubalcava
Stefan Rudloff

Gabrielle Ruggeri
Heather Ruse

Shannon Russum

Craig Rutkowski
Toni Ruzga
George Sabo

April Samuels

Mike Sanchez
Jennifer Sandage

Julie Scanlan
Thomas Scharpf
Corey Schnarr

Adam Scott

April Salvage
David Shearer
Heather Shoup
Kathleen Siminski

Shaun Simmons

Corey Sizemore
Alicia Smith
Brandon Smith
Heather Smith

Anthony Sobczak
Christopher Spence
Stephanie Spenner
Ules Stiden
Megan Stout

Timothy Sudlow
Michael Sullivan
Ryan Sweeney

Charlie Switzer
Amanda Szentesy

Jason Tabor
Marc Tarpley
Eugene Teso
Kathrine Thomas
Toyna Thorton



Gwen Tidwell

David Torres

David Torres

Evana Torres

Emily Trathen



Glodia Tufoga

Jonathon Tummond

Brad Twilla

Phillip Tyskiewicz

Sarah Uzelac



Jennifer Vanderploeg

June Vandervort

Jodie Vanover

Kelly Vargas

Josh Vaudt



Gemanne Voynovich

Douglas Waltra

Daniel Walworth

Brian Watson

Kevin Watson



Stephanie Waugh

Jennifer Wayte

Maegan Wendt

Anthony Whiteside

Nina Wild



Rachel Wilson

Matthew Winkoff

Elizabeth Wireman

Blake Wiseman

Tiffany Witka



enior Abraham Rodriguez wraps an ankle. Injuries are a constant event that could happen at any time of the day, everyday.



Rhonda Woodke
Ryan Woods
Adam Woynaroski

Cora Wright
John Wright



Kristina Yates
Eugenia Zaganas
Jody Zeese

Cathy Zielinski

Jennie Zielinski



Beth Zolkowski

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After a serve from the other team, junior Kevin Stout anticipates the ball coming toward him. The

boy's tennis team was defeated by the rival team of Valparaiso, who was ranked in the top 10, in sectionals.



While he receives an award from Principal Richard Kirchner, junior Richard Rodriguez shakes his han.

Students had to meet a certain grade point average to be accepted into national Honor Society.



Bridget Abbott
Norma Addison
Daniel Adkisson
Kirsty Alaniz
Autumn Alderson
Troy Alford
David Alonzo
Jeffrey Amstein

Robert Eric Anderson
Robert Thomas Anderson
Brandi Arcuri
Christopher Ash
Jacob Atherton
Erin Austgen
Richard Ayala, Jr.
Johnny Azcona

Audie Bailey
Kristina Baker
Elizabeth Balash
Derek Baldwin
Joseph Balta
Adam Barrientez
Amanda Bartok
Jonathon Bassett

Michelle Baugh
Marisol Baumann
Francis Beck
Nicole Bellamy
Heather Bennett
Michael Benson
Stacy Berndt
Thomas Bialata





Natalie Blanchard
Nicole Blanton
Erica Blastick
Tiffany Block
Douglas Blouir
Joshua Blunk
Elizabeth Bobb
James Boch

Micha Bornstein
James Bosstel
Chad Bradford
Andrew Bradbury
Angela Britton
Heather Broadway
Joshua Buckner
Bryan Buckroff

Kelly Buhman
George Burchuk
Fawnda Burlingame
John Butala
Dawn Butterfield
Nicholas Byroad
Catherine Camery
Kathryn Camisa

April Campbell
Bruce Campbell
Landen Campbell
Leanne Campbell
Wendy Cannon
Joseph Capodagli
Christine Cardona
Kimberly Carlson

Denise Carpenter
Erik Carpenter
Rudolph Carrillo
Ricky Carrion
Jared Casas
Samuel Casko
Deanna Caudillo
Joseph Cauley

Vicenta Chagoya
Anthony Chappo
Steven Charnetzky
Angel Chavez
Guy Chavez
Jade Chavez
Malina Chavez
Kevin Christian

Gretchen Circle
Garrett Clough
Cynthia Cochran
Lisa Cohen
John Colburn
Misty Coleman
Ricardo Colon
Jamee Connaway

Donco Conner
Trisha Cook
Jason Corbett
Amy Cosby
David Costa
Brandon Cotton
Madeline Covelli
Herbert Cox

Richard Cox
Emily Craighead
Michelle Creech
Candace Crockett
James Crowley
Matthew Cunningham
Tonya Cuppy
Eric Curiel

innerselves

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After the school bell rings for the day, many students donate their time to other endeavors. Some choose athletics or other school sponsored activities to fill their free time. Yet others chose to become more involved in the community around them.

Senior Angel Rodriguez and junior Linette DeJesus were two of the many students who chose to volunteer in the community. Rodriguez donated her time to two organizations, the Youth Services Bureau and the Teens United for Ethnic Awareness,

while DeJesus donated her time at Fountainview Nursing Home.

"I passed out food, helped them eat, took them walking, or just sat and talked to them," DeJesus said. Rodriguez's duties for the Youth Services Bureau included watching young children while their parents receive counseling. She also served on a committee through YSB that grants aid to youth searching for funds to serve the community. While working with the Teen United for Ethnic Awareness she talked to junior high and elementary students to help curb racism. The students involved participated in many activities around the county. At

the Pro-Diversity rally in Portage, students took a survey to see how educated the community at large was about diversity. The group also went to Chesterton and taught a group of adults what was considered political correctness. Many students volunteered here also.

"I like helping people, and volunteering was a way to help the community at an out of school function," Rodriguez said. DeJesus added that Lent inspired her to volunteer.

DeJesus felt her work at Fountainview. "Made me take a look at life and realize how much could be done if people just cared a little more."

Like helping people, and volunteering

was a way to help the community at an out of school function.

Anthony Curtis
Tara Curtis
Cairiel D'Aloisio
Cari Daniel
Kevin Dash
Sabrina Davis
Mathew Dean
Robert Debernardi

Ashlie Dehaven
Linette DeJesus
Jennifer Denny
Joshua Denny
Robyn Deterline
Sally Deterline
Erik Dewitt
Ryan Dexter

Kathryn Dick
Anthony Doering
Ryen Dohner
Tiffany Dominic
Dylan Doran
Edward Downs
Roshelle Doyle
Patricia Duarte

Steven Dujmovich
Jeffery During
Dolores Duron
Daysha Durr
Charlotte Beba Daucher
Renee Dutcher
Chris Dziepak
Michael Dryacky

Lindsay Easton
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Brandy Ebling
Sarah Eckhart
Cheryl Eddy
Christopher Elkins
Jeffrey Ellis
Thomas Else





Marilee Epley
 Jeff Evans
 Hope Ewing
 David Fadelly
 Joseph Falck
 Dale Fancher III
 Alice Farr
 Jennifer Feeney

Jennifer Fekete
 Jason Fields
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 Rachel Fink
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 Marisol Flores
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 Enrique Fontanez III

Kimberly Ford
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 Kelli Hale
 Shane Hale
 Brandi Hall

Rebecca Hall
 Scott Hall
 James Hankins
 Sean Hannon
 Melinda Hansell
 Melissa Hansell
 Jon Harbaugh
 Eric Harrell

*P*laying pool at TJ's pool hall, junior Jeff Merill studies his game intently. Many students chose to spend their time out of school at pool halls.

*W*alking through the gym, juniors Ashley Dehaven and Tom Modesto smile for their many fans. They were nominated winter homecoming prince and princess.



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Chana Hart
Kelley Lynn Harth
Jesse Harry
Joseph Hatala
Stephanie Hatfield
Richard Hayes
Cassandra Hendon

Phillip Hensley
Amber Hepner
Anthony Hernandez
Brian Hernandez
Laine Hillier
Jami Hohbs
Christina Hodges
Jimmy Hodges

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Kimberly Holland
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Ryan Horner
Devlin Howe
Joseph Hudson
Brandon Hughes

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Stacy Iliff
Nicole Infante
Andrew Jablonski
Amber Jacobson
Rachel Jamison
Heather Jaques

Erin Jedlikowski
Aaron Jeffers
David Jenne
Jason Johns
Kristy Johnson
Sheri Johnson
Randy Johnson II
Kelly Johnston





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Eric Lee
Jennifer Lehooky
Michael Leonard
Tahana Letica
Sebrina Leto

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Mario Lopez
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Joshua Marvel
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Kevin McGuffey
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Christine McQueary
Adam Medved
Celina Mendoza
Jeffrey Merrell
Traci Miedema

Amber Mills
Jenessa Misevich
Thomas Modesto
Jeremy Monacy
Briana Monette
Gregory Monnier
Brian Mosley
Tara Mraz

Samuel Mulvihill
Jose Munguia-Arias
Elizabeth Munoz
Gina Munoz
Shanna Murch
Timothy Murphy
Angela Murray
George Murrow

Amy Nelson
Jeremy Nelson
Nicole Nemeth
Valerie Nestorovich
James Newbeck III
Susan Newlin
Nicholas Newman
Teresa Nichols



hanging by the commons and vending machines, junior Don McGee plays his guitar. Many students were musically inclined and enjoyed demonstrating their ability for other students during lunch time and before and after school.



Sharing a laugh, juniors Monica Vega and Wendy Cannon talk during class. They shared the same history class and could enjoy each others company while learning. Miss Allen, their teacher, was one new addition to the social studies department.



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Stephanie Niemcewicz
John Niles
Ricardo Nunez
Becky Nusbbaum
Christina Nystrom
Shannon O'Connor
Stephanie O'Connor

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Roger O'Rourke
Moises Otero
Brian Overbey
Adella Pacheco
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Jennifer Schmitz
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Stephanie Simons
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Pete Skoutaris
Bryan Slarton
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Jeffrey Smith
Kelly Smith
Kyle Smith



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Pamela Smith
Crystal Smythe
Kari Snoder
Christopher Snow
Adam Snuffer
David Soltys
April Soria



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Leann Spurlock
Craig Stafford
Sara Stafford
Anthony Stanley
Mandy Stanton
Nicole Startup
Michelle Steege



Genita Steininger
Belinda Stepnowski
Eric Stevenson
Julie Stevenson
Tiffany Stewart
Kevin Stout
Scottie Stout
Jonathan Stryers



Stephanie Sulcer
Tiffany Surer
Eric Swanson
Joshua Swindle
Brian Talley
Dana Tarin
Joseph Tarin
Robert Taylor



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Kristina Teso
Michael Teseneer
Sara Thatcher
James Thomas III
Terrence Thompson
Heather Tidwell
Danyele Tozcek





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David Torres
James Torres
Rosanna Torres
Christopher Traywick
Phillip Treece, Jr.

Sharalyn Trembicki
Christopher Tribler
Justin Tucker
Benjamin Tungol
Luis Urra
Jeremy Vallo
Donald Vanderploeg
Piper Van Santen

Yvette Vasquez
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Monica Vega
Lester Vitteoe
Andrew Volk
Michelle Vottero
Ryan Wall
Courtney Wallace

Jeremy Wallace
Kevin Wallskog
Jessica Waltra
Sally Walton
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Nicholas Wayne
Derrick Weidenar
Sukey Weimer
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Justin Wekluk
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Thomas Whiteside
Erin Widing
Stephenie Wilcox
Patrick Wilkins
Candice Williams

Michael Williams
Stephanie Williams
Scott Wilson
Jessica Wireman
William Wise
Jeffrey Wittorp
Jacob Wood
Dawn Wright

Nicole Wright
Adam Wyatt
Jacob Yasko
Erica Yates
Rebecca Zajick
Amy Zaragoza
Jeffery Zeha
Brian Zingo

Deanna Zych

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Showing off dance moves, sophomores James Oliver and Denisa Hobgood dance at the homecoming game. Many students attended this dance with friends.



As he nearly falls to the ground, sophomore Rainier Alcantara defends the ball for his team. This was Alcantara's first year playing on the junior varsity team.



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Aimee Acosta
Allison Adams
April Akins
Rainier Alcantara
Jeffery Alexander
Jeremy Alexander
Ruben Alica

Sarah Alsmen
Stephanie Altieri
David Alvarado
Jennifer Andrews
Matthew Andryuk
John Anteck
David Aponte
Jason Ayala

Cecilia Azcona
Stacy Babjak
Jared Back
Nicole Bacso
Brian Ball
Richard Banke
Christina Barajas
Danielle Barnett

Raul Barrientes, Jr.
Amy Barwig
Elizabeth Batista
Paul Bauer
Jamie Baum
Erika Beal
David Beliles
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Lindsey Benninger
Russ Berg
Shawn Berryman
Catherine Biancardi
Thomas Bingham
Michelle Blank

Joseph Bloomfield III
Gabriel Bodnar
Joshua Bonta
Valerie Borg
Nevill Boruff
Michael Bower
Mary Bradney
David Brackji

Alicia Branham
Scott Brannon
Samuel Bravo
Ryan Brewster
Meredith Breyfogle
Genise Britton
James Broadway
Daniel Brubaker

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Charna Bucy
Cheryl Buerler
Lawrence Bultema
Crystal Burch
Christopher Burton
Jennifer Byroad

Brian Camp
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Vance Carlin
Amie Carns
Shamiah Carroll
Jesse Casper
Tiffany Castanga
Sandra Caudill

Aaron Caylor
Tammy Chadwick
Jennifer Chelf
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Christopher Childs
Jeffery Christian
Jennifer Chubbs

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Dennis Cimbaljevich
Adam Cleary
Jonathan Cliver
Allen Cobb
Tracy Cobb
Amber Collette
Stephany Colunga

Lucille Concepcion
Jaime Conn
Shaun Connelly
Ila Conover
Hubert Cook
Christopher Cool
Chad Copeland
Moises Cordon III

Sofia Cornejo
Irene Coros
Brandy Cotton
Derrick Cowger
Danielle Coyne
Eileen Craighoad
Reggie Creason
Eric Creech

Jennifer Creech
Danielle Cresap
Jeremiah Crisp
Matthew Cronch
Shannon Cronin
Deborah Cruz
Angelique Cuevas
Ryan Cullen



Vicky Cummings
Shannon Curl
Stuart Curran
Joseph Cusson
Brynn D'Aloisio
Jason Daily
Kristin Danskin
Christina Davies



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Christopher Devault
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Connie Dudley
Lydia Duerr
Amber Durfee
John Durfee



Heidi Durkin
John Durr
Samantha Edmond
Edward Egenderfer
Amber Edman
Chad Ellenson
Matthew Erickson
Amber Ernhart



Carlos Escabaleria
Ariana Escobar
Eric Estelman
Angela Espinoza
Ada Everts
Sarah Eyermann
Kristen Falardeu
Christopher Falck



Matthew Farnier
Lisa Feeney
Yecenia Feliz
Glenn Ferguson
William Fields
Erin Fitzgerald
Adam Fletcher
Susie Fogle



Aaron Foreman
Katie Foster
Meredith Foxkos
Matthew Francis
Dessire Franco
Erin Furnish
William Garner
Katherine Garris



Charity Garwood
Carly Gaspich
Daniela Gazibara
Dale Gebert
Nicholas George
Amie Giesler
Angela Gish
Kristin Glancy





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 Nathan Gurski
 Kevin Guth
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 Christopher Hicks
 Bud Hinchley
 Brent Hobbs
 Denisa Hobgood
 Melinda Holland

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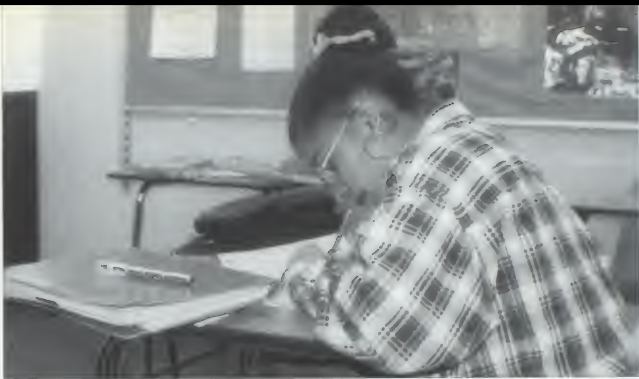
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Lisa Lombardi
Stephen Lovings
Tommy Low

Eric Lowe
Stephanie Lowe
Daniel Luback
Dena Lucdike
Kevin Luellman
Laurie Luna
Vince Lusk
Karin Lyshoj





Studying intently, sophomore Ziomara Pena works on her homework during class. Many students were given to opportunity to work on homework at the end of class.



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Jason Maisonneuve
Asia Malik
Michelle Malone
Joseph Manfred
Amanda Mangual
Nicole Manna
Shawn Marjanian

Joip Markovich
Jessica Marrs
Ricky Martin
Jason Martinez
Richard Martinez
Jessica Marvel
Aaron Masow
Karla Matthews

Henry Maul
Nicholas Maxwell
Tabatha Maxwell
Sarah May
Kelli Maynard
Nathaniel Mazur
Collin Mc Adams
Michelle Mc Namara

Charles McClelland
Bryan McClure
Jonathon McDougall
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Kimberly McGee
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Shaun McGuire

Amanda McKenzie
Mark McKim
Megan McLeod
Rhonda McQueary
Kimberly McWaters
Ryan Melton
Allison Mendez
Marina Mendez

Xavier Mendez
Alyson Merkenner
Christopher Messer
Alex Mestre
Amanda Metz
Derek Meyer
Jennifer Mick
Christopher Mihal

Michael Miller
Robert Miller
James Mills
Allen Mirr
Laura Montgomery
Frank Monteleone
Sabreana Montrose
Jennifer Morrisroe

Ali Muhammad
Leonard Muhammad
Gregory Mundi
Corinne Munoz
Carla Munsch
Justin Murphy
Jordan Myers
Brandon Necco



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he horoscope: A dynamic, wonderful, five-star day when everything goes as planned. The reality: A terrible, horrific, atrocious day when everything goes wrong and absolutely nothing goes right.

For some students, many days did not turn out as sunny as their horoscopes predicted. Many students realized that wearing lucky shoes or waking up in a good mood did not always guarantee a wonderful day; and almost everyone could admit to having some downright lousy days, when everything went wrong, from oversleeping and missing the bus to flunking tests and fighting with friends.

Many students knew what kind of day they would have first thing in the morning, when they woke up on the right or wrong side of their bed. "If I'm happy around 6 a.m., I know I'll have a good day," sophomore Cameron Kelly-Johnson said. Factors such as breakfast, waking up at

certain times, being rushed or relaxed or hearing a favorite song in the morning tended to influence the day's mood and outcome. One catastrophe could set the pace for an entire day, and some could not quite escape the troubles that overwhelmed them. Sometimes, one just knew the minute they heard the annoying buzz of their alarm clock how their day was going to turn out. "I know as soon as I wake up whether or not I'm going to have a good day," senior Kris Hasselgren said.

Another morning influence, the folded newspaper tossed in the bushes, affected the daily lives of some students. Many students scanned their daily horoscope before walking out the door, while others waited for the conclusion of the day before checking for accuracy in their sun signs. "I read my horoscope at the end of every day," junior Kim Kehoe said. "It's usually right so I wish I had read it in the morning."

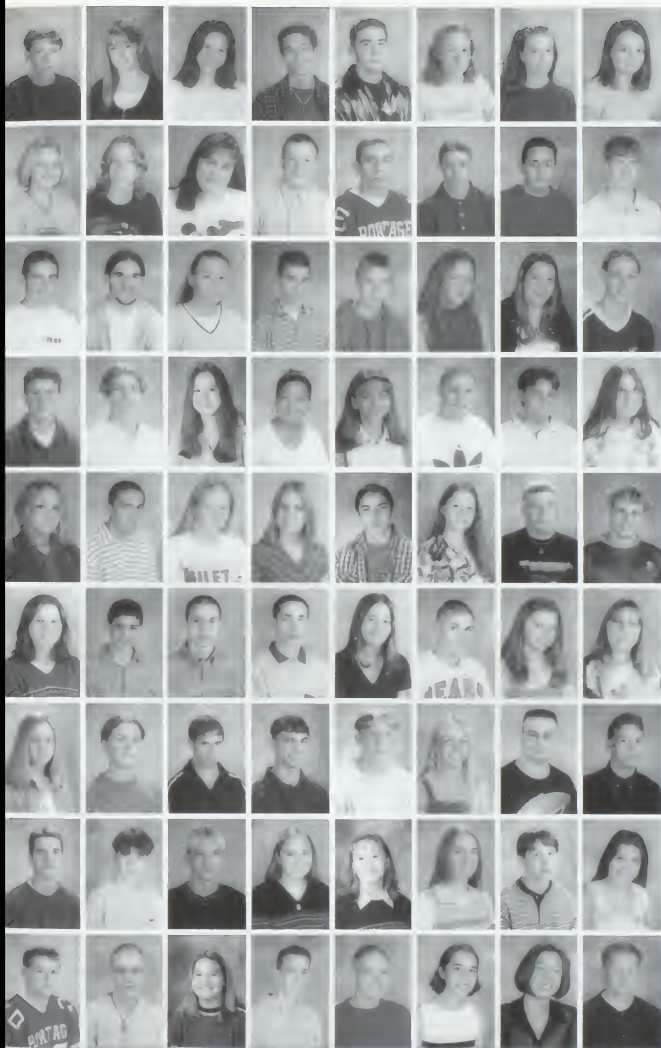
Some students relied on superstitions to carry them through the day safely and

soundly. Everything from using the same pencil they studied with to take a test, wearing a lucky T-shirt, to putting their shoes on in a certain order were incorporated into the days of some students. Certain days had more importance than others. "I'm superstitious on days when I have wrestling," senior Aaron Branham said. "I tie my shoes in a special way." Others had many "lucky" items that made their day run smoothly. "I wear my lucky pants for good luck," sophomore Dennis Cimbaljevich said. "I'm very superstitious."

Many students agreed that a person should try to take out their stress in a positive way after having "one of those days." "To relieve stress, after a bad day, I sit in the middle of my room and listen to music really loud," sophomore Diane Zenci said. Other students released their negative energy through playing sports or talking to a friend. Instead of focusing on the negative, they tried to remember the old saying that, "Tomorrow is another day."

I'm superstitious on days when I have wrestling. I tie my shoes in a special way!

—Aaron Branham, senior



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Kristen Nottingham

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Kyle Schultz

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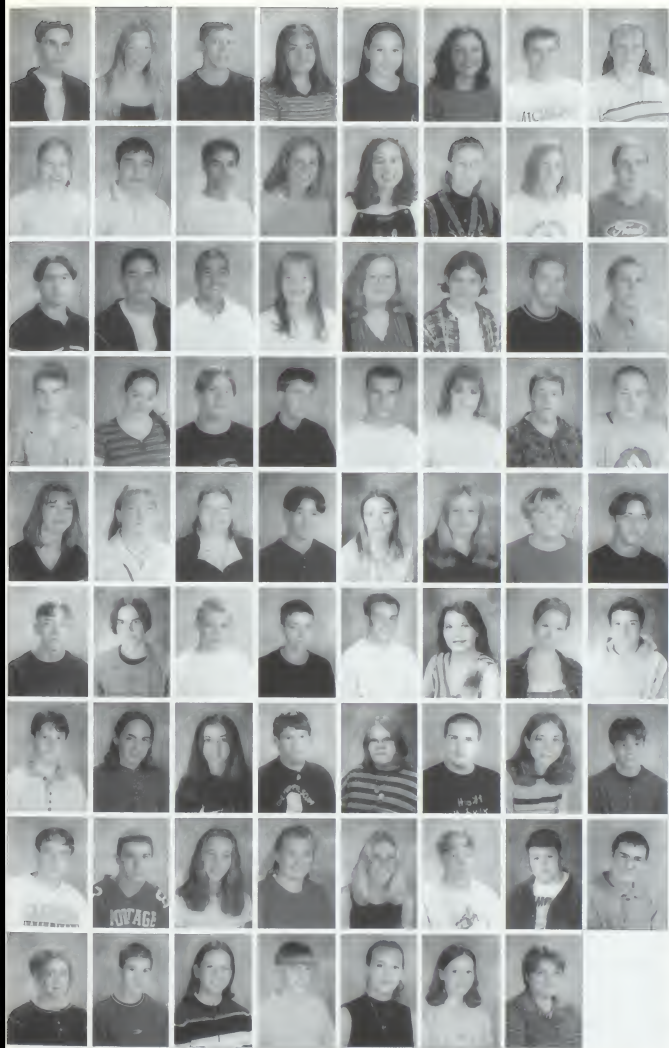
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Philip Tesenecker
Kari Tharp
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Julie Thomas
Shannon Thomas





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Lisa Torres
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Cole Ward
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Michael Wehner
Matthew Welches

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Nathan White
Brian Whiteman
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Rebecca Widing
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David Williams

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Nichole Williams
David Williamson
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Joshua Wisby

Mark Wiseman
Keith Wisniewski
Jamie Wolfe
Celena Woodard
Amy Wright
John Yaksic
Bradley Yarsh
Charles Yermack

Annika Yetso
Chad York
Natalie Yudit
Jeffrey Zacarias
Tracy Zaganas
Diane Zenci
Jolena Zeros

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*J*oining in on a group discussion, freshman David Cash talks to his fellow Key Club members. Key Club volunteered at many places including nursing homes.



*A*fter she finishes her routine, freshman Emily Kirk smiles. Kirk was one of the many freshmen to try out for the gymnastics team and make it.



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Chad Adams
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Thomas Alderson
James Alexander

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Tiffanee Alumhaugh
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Amanda Armenta
Kelly Armour
Matthew Arndt
Brandon Arnold
Stephen Arvidson

Matthew Ashford
Luca Attinger
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Christina Bailey
Heather Bailey
Joseph Bailey
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Jerry Bates
Jershon Bayron
Brian Beach
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Jennifer Biller
Natalie Blanchard
Michael Blanton
Erica Blinco
Joshua Bochik
Eric Bohl II
Derek Boksa

Kevin Boling
Marie Boller
Terry Book
Toni Bordelon
Shelly Bowman
Michael Boyll
Faith Bratcher
Roxanne Bravo

Zachary Brewer
Jason Michael Bristow
Seh Britton
Michael Brown
Robert Brown
John Brunker
Kera Brust
Heather Buhring

Christopher Burch
David Burch
Laura Burch
Jade Burlingame
Jennifer Caldwell
Jonathan Caldwell
Alexandra Cangelani
Lisa Capodagli

Laura Carpenter
Dante Carter
Robert Carter
Maureen Cary
Patricia Casko
Jessica Casteel
Matthew Cates
Kellee Chalfant

Brittney Chamberlain
Michael Chandler
Sarah Chapman
Robert Charbonneau
Christina Chase
Cassandra Chelf
Nicholas Christian
Stephanie Christopher

Gregory Ciesielski
Stephanie Ciesielski
Akeem Clark
Sandra Clark
Brandon Clough
Randall Clouse
Jillian Cloyd
Jacob Cohen

Carrie Coleman
Brandon Collins
Ivan Colon
Matthew Cook
Megan Cormican
Francisco Cornejo
Daniel Costa
Daniel Counts

Christal Couture
Corrie Covelli
Jody Cox
Matthew Crawford
Pennie Creech
Paul Crews
Grant Crizer
Kirsten Crouch

Sara Elizabeth Crowley
Aaron Crownover
Stacie Culp
Jacob Cunningham
Jeffrey Curiel
Stefanie Curran
James Cyprian
Jonathan D'Aloisio

Ricki Daniels
Rhonda Darnell
Eric Davies
Erica Davis
Natalie Davis
Jaclyn De Bord
Wilfredo De Jesus Jr.
Stephen De Leon

Jessica Delgado
Yencisy Delgado
Jillian Delph
Gilberto Delreal
Earl De Marco
Chad Dennison
Jacquelyn Devries
Melissa Dickerson

Benjamin Dilts
Lauren Dimitri
Bryan Dixon
Cassandra Dixon
Todd Dobrowolski
Lindsey Dominguez
Arren Donaldson
Danielle Dougherty



uring a lab in his
Biology X class, Freshman Matt
Mihalik studies organisms
under a microscope. Biology X
was a class designed as an
advanced class to ready students
for the honors program.





Lucas Dudley
Wendy Eastwood
Michelle Eaton
Christopher Edmonds
Sarah Fisel
Heather Elkins
Joshua Elkins
Rickie Elkins

Ryan Embry
Elizabeth Enrico
Thomas Erickson
Carlo Ernande
Oyku Eren
Robert Espinoza
Melissa Evanatz
Demetrice Evans

Lynn Ewen
Melissa Fabian
Jacob Fadel
James Fadel
Ronald Falardeau
Julie Fancher
Nathan Farley
Angel Farr

Adam Feigl
Stephen Fejes
Shilah Fields
Kenneth Fink
Nicole Fink
Rachel Fisher
Corey Fitzgerald
Jillian Fitzgerald

Aaron Flores
Justin Follow
Lisette Fontanez
Yasmin Fontanez
Amber Ford
Blake Foycek
Gerald Fritz
Sheba Furlong

Melanie Galt
Joshua Gamble
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Aaron Garza
Michelle Gass
Jonathan Gentry Jr.
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Kelly Gibson

David Gilbert
Mihalis Gilinos
Angela Golden
Ryan Graves
James Gray
Robert Gray
Clayton Greenwell
Jody Gregory

Scott Gregory
Robert Greiner III
Michael Grochowski
Philip Guerre
Eric Gulley
Jillynn Guth
Casey Gutierrez
Meghan Hagerty

Steven Hale
Sarah Halfman
Ruth Hall
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Justin Hampton
Lauren Hansen
Kristopher Hardaway
Kimberly Harden

Joseph Hargarten
Christopher Harning
Matthew Harris
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Tiffany Harris
Amanda Hart
Derek Harvey
Triana Haselgren

Diana Hatchett
Jason Havard
James Hazzard
Heather Henderson
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Craig Hendley
Jason Hendricks
Michelle Henk

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Michelle Hicks
Adam Higgins
Colin Highlands
Patrick Highlands
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Anthony Holeman
Missy Holt
Joseph Hood
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Allen Hughes
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Tiffany Huhnke

Brad Hullsiek
Kristin Hutchins
Sane Ibrahim
Jamie Irvin
Andriana Ivanovic
Christopher Iwan
John James
Christopher Jamison

Robert Jaso
Sadia Javed
Kyle Jenkins
Jennifer Jern
Amanda Johnson
Jacqueline Johnson
Julia Johnson
Katrina Johnson

Tiffany Johnson
George Johnston
Melissa Johnston
Anthony Jones
Boe Jones
Bradley Jones
Kevin Jones
Marina Jordan

Maureen Jordan
Patrick Jordan
Jennie Joseph
Tabitha Joselyn
Carolyn Joswiak
Joshua Juhasz
Jennifer Kaminski
Christopher Kanich

Candice Keaton
Cortnie Keeling
Steven Keilman
Sandra Kennedy
Rebecca Kilbury
Jade Kinsey
Michele Kirnic
Emily Kirk



Students believe that

individuality

BY STEPHANIE KROLEDGE

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student hears another peer call his friend "phat" and mistakingly believes that he is calling him "fat". Later on that day, a friend tells him that his outfit is "tight" and he thinks that his clothes are too tight and he needs to lose weight.

With the onset of new terms in the English language, it was often easy for a student to become lost in the multiple meanings for each word. The development of new words could be confusing, but students learned to adapt.

Every day more and more students continued to use slang. Most of the time the students never noticed that they were using it until someone told them. Many students do not even know the meaning of the word "slang". However, slang continued to make

its mark in the English language of today and tomorrow. To most it went by unnoticed, for others, "It's just a habit, I seriously don't even notice it anymore," said sophomore Lisa Webster.

It was easy to see that with each generation there was slang. "A lot of the words that were considered slang when I was a kid are now part of the English language," Mr. Patrick Moody, English teacher said. "I think it's cool though, it's what makes our language interesting."

Even though many students used slang on a daily basis, many felt that it had been taken too far. Freshman Kenny Puent said, "I think slang is getting carried away because it's becoming trendy. I hate trendy people." Slang has always been relatively

popular because it was different. Freshman Steve Zemlik said, "I think it's popular because people [trendy people] copy everybody."

Slang became more common and it seemed as if everyone had a different opinion about everything. "I think it's cool, but it's getting hard to keep up with because it seems like there's a new word everyday, but it'll eventually change, when we're older, we won't even remember half of the words that we use today."

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James Kirk
Katrina Kirk
David Klimczyk
Crystal Kniola
Scott Knutsen
David Komarowski
Matthew Konopasek
Kari Kopko

Mark Korba
Adam Kowalczyk
Aaron Kowalski
Anthony Kozik
Janice Krajewska
Keith Kreischer
Sara Krejci
Christopher Krivjansky

Candace Kroledge
Stephanie Kuehl
Stephanie Labno
Juliana Lach
Joshua Lamb
Lindsey Langston
Janie Lazaro
Crystal Leisner

Kristen Leon
Nichole Leone
Amy Lesko
Jamie Lewis
Jason Lewis
Mark Lewis
Stephen Lewis
Tyler Lewis

Stephen Leyden
Jennifer Lichte
Cheryl Lightfoot
Justin Lindsey
Christopher Lipinski
Dolores Lira
Danielle Little
Angela Livergood

Amy Lochmody
Stephanie Lotland
Margaret Lomax
Gabriel Lopez
Melissa Lopez
Ian Low
Crista Luchene
Jennifer Luther

Angela Magana
Russel Majewski
Andrea Mak
Latonya Maldonado
Amber Malenky
Cassie Mann
Jamie Lynne Marsh
Cynthia Martus

Beau Mason
Crystal Massom
Shawn Masterson
Ian Mathers
Joann Matthew
Melissa Mattingly
Lisa May
Nicholas Mayerik

Melissa McGregor
Kelly McCarthy
Joshua McClusky
Albert McCorkle
Nicole McCoy
Jamie McCune
Hunter McKee
JASON McKinney

Vincent Medina
Erica Mendez
Jennifer Mesich
Jeffrey Metz
Candice Meyer
Belinda Meyers
Joseph Michnik
Matthew Mihalik

Amber Miller
Corrine Miller
Brandi Minor
Patricia Mischke
Melissa Misner
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Jonathan Montecalegre

Michael Moon
Paul Moore
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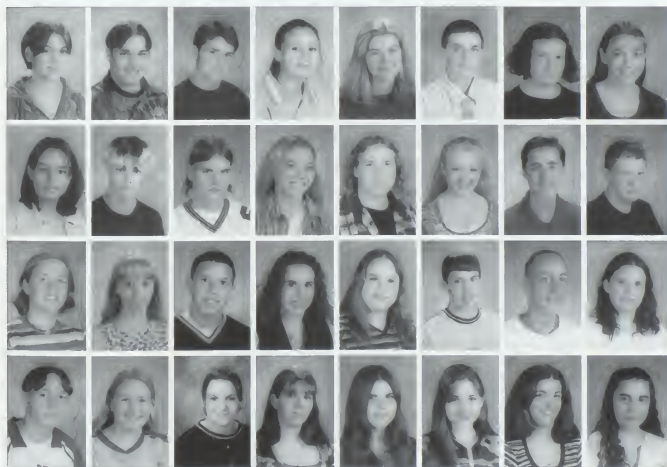
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Steven Moyado
Nina Muhammad
Amber Mullen
Philip Mulroe
Deidra Munoz
Michael Myers





ith a smile freshman Jill Cloyd, Ashley Safstrom and Stephanie Kuehl try to pump up the audience. Part of the cheerleaders job was to raise the players spirits by involving the crowd. Most of the girls on the squad have been on a cheering squad since they were very young. Such squads include Pop Warner football cheering squads.

orking together as a team, freshmen Jillian Nestler and Elizabeth Enrico try to complete their Biology lab. Many labs were performed during the year, including the dissections of a frog, a worm, and a starfish. In Biology, students learned about cell division, plants and animals, along with their family traits, body system and genetics.



Jillian Nestler
Eric Newbold
Christopher Newton
Jessica Nicholson
Lauren Niemcewicz
Justin Nolan
Mandy Noll
Jessica Nugent

Crystal Nunez
Lee Nusbaum
Kevin Nush
Nicole O'Dell
Adam O'Hare
Kelly O'Neal
Kevin Oquinn
Joseph Orbe

Katherine Osizlo
Hollie Owen
Jesse Padilla Jr.
Crystal Palmateer
Holly Paniagras
Angelo Papachronis
Jacob Parker
Shannon Parker

Brandon Parks
Christine Parks
Nicole Parnell
Dana Paul
Honey Paul
Vanessa Payton
Angela Peete
Nicole Pennington

Omar Perez
Victoria Perez
Edward Perin Jr.
Melody Peterson
Adam Perel
Justin Philips
Dawn Piazza
Michael Pickart

Nicole Piechna
Brian Pisinski
Dustin Pittman
Ruth Pomeroy
Mary Pope
Abby Porter
Reggie Porter
Dustin Potter

Jessica Potts
Jason Prachak
Gina Pritchett
Justen Prugh
Kenneth Puert
Marcus Rainwater
Misty Ralston
Matthew Ramian

James Ramirez
Tiffany Ramirez
Nathaniel Randolph
Michael Ratigan
Michelle Raupach
Christopher Reed
Stephanie Reese
Michael Remm

Jeffery Revers
Stephanie Rewis
Shawn Reynolds
Jeremy Richmond
Charles Riffle
Matthew Ripperdan
Shyann Ristau
Nathan Richie

Aja Rivera
Eddie Rivera
Axa Robertson
Bryan Robinson
Nicole Robinson
Luke Rodgers
Daniel Rodriguez
David Rodriguez

Francisco Rodriguez
Rebecca Rodriguez
Vanessa Rodriguez
Adam Rogers
Jerry Rogers
Adam Roman
Crystal Rosas
Edward Roseberry

John Rosenquist
Tiffany Ross
Jeremy Rossman
Danielle Rowalcyk
Shannon Ruse
Karin Russell
Ashley Safstrom
Christine Sanchez

Jeannette Sanchez
Lauren Sandor
Daniel Santana
Nancy Santos
Brian Sarnowski
Tiffany Sarnowski
Joshua Sater
Brandi Satka





Crystal Satter
Brooks Sayer
Matthew Scheuer
John Schick Jr.
Aaron Schmidt
Justeen Schultz
Amber Schumacher
Chad Schweitzer

Brayden Scott
Christopher Scott
Danny Sedo
Armando Sedo Jr.
Kristin Selund
Matthew Semerkowski
Jennifer Sharp
Stephen Shearer

Erin Sheehan
Jonathan Shelton
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Stephanie Shepherd
Allison Sherer
Tiffany Sherwood
Angela Shields
Allison Shoppa

Tabitha Silva
Rebecca Siminski
Benjamin Simon
Mitchell Sims
Steven Sipich
Joseph Sistanich
Carolyn Slankowski
Brock Slowik



demonstrating her paddle ball skills, freshman Priscilla Urta practices the technique of serving the ball across the net. All freshmen were required to take one semester of gym. They had the choice of participating in sports such as swimming, badminton or soccer.

Jessica Smedly
Colin Smith
Heidi Smith
Kevin Smith
Kindra Smith
Stephanie Smith
Robert Smith Jr.
Pamela Snoder

Patricia Snoder
Stephanie Sonaty
Rebecca Spicer
Amber Sprague
Bridget Spurgeon
Amy Lynn Stanley
Melissa Staples
Sean Steele

Anne Steeley
Nathan Stephens
Christopher Stidham
Austin Stoner
Troy Street Jr.
Keith Sulcer
Stephen Sullivan
Amber Sutton

Jamie Sutton
Scott Swanson
Erin Sweetney
Kristen Szabo
Douglas Szarmach
Ashley Szybala
Jeffrey Szybala
Dale Tallent

Justin Tarin
Monica Tatela
Michael Taylor
Forest Terry
Brandie Thiel
Aron Tibbetts
Aslinn Tibbetts
Veronica Tilley

Nicole Toma
Douglas Tomes
Michael Torchia
Hilda Torres
Rachel Torres
Dennis Trafny
Shannon Trager
Kathryn Trathen

Jennifer Travis
Tiffany Tucker
Rebecca Tungol
Christen Turle
Priscilla Urra
Mitchell Vance
Jennifer Vargas
Jeffrey Veach Jr.

Robert Vega
David Veldhuizen
Ryan Villa
Luis Villanueva
John Vogt
Anthony Vottero
Christopher Voynovich
Mary Walczak

John Vucko
Shree Von Cla Walker
Jerrod Wallace
Bernadette Walsh
Michael Wampler
Teresa Wargo
Melissa Weidenaar
Christopher Wells

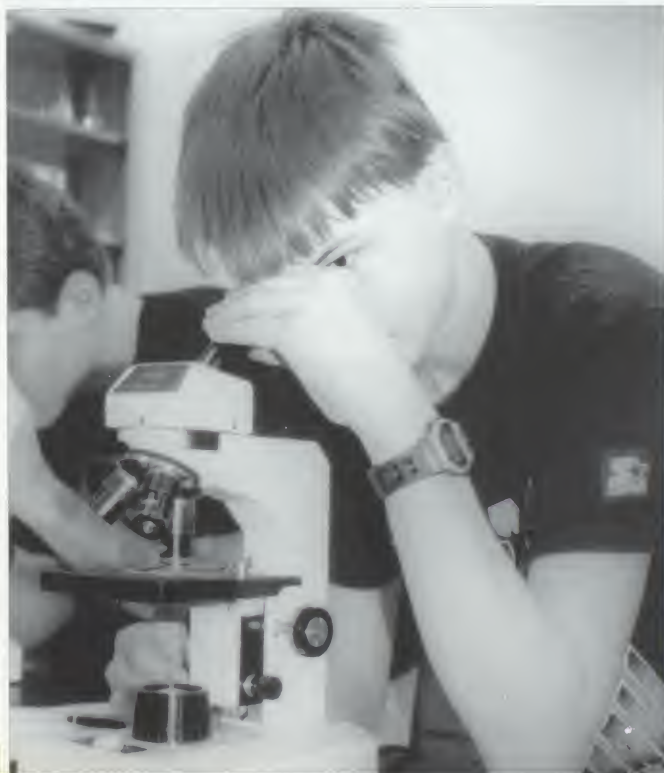




Erin Wendt
Stephanie White
John Wilburn
Michael Williams
Stacey Wilson
Amanda Winstead
Scott Wolozanski
Nolan Worley

Brooke Wozniak
Christen Wright
Derrick Wright
Ryan Wright
Casey Yasko
Scott Yonushatis
Gabrielle Young
Nicole Zaideman

Stephen Zemlik
Dawn Zimmerman
Michael Ziulkowski II
Donald Zolper
Michael Zonder
Lucas Zorick



Trying to adjust the specimen on the slide, freshman Douglas Szarmack looks for the perfect spot to place the slide. With the use of a microscope, students were able to view objects at a greater magnification to see the fine details that were unable to be seen by the naked eye.

Jennifer Allen,
Marvin Allison,
Reid Amone,
Myra Andrich,
Heidi Babcock,
Steve Bartos,
Robert Beigh,
Patricia Benson,



Barbara Blake,
William Bodnar,
Chrstan Bohde,
Ronald Buls,
Patricia Burger,
Carnie Carlson,
Larry Casbon,
Leslee Cashmore,



Cheryl Clapp,
Clara Clark,
Jason Cope,
Sandy Corso,
Diane Dominguez,
Megan Donelli,
James Douglas,
James Downes,



Elizabeth Duncan,
Mary Ann Eckhart,
Katie Ewoldt,
Greg Fisher,
Mark Fischer,
Russ Fortini,
Mark Francesconi,
Anne Frost,



Julie Goetz,
John Goldkmidt,
Melanie Gordon,
Penny Gorgei,
Marvin Guertsey,
Mary Ann Guiden,
Jerry Hale,
Gil Hamilton,



Ron Hancock,
Lon Harris,
Debra Heitman,
Sandy Herr,
Linda Hicks,
Katherine Hites,
Jay Hodges,
Lynne Huerta,



Working in the attendance office Mrs. Lynette Dean calls one of the many homes she has to call daily due to absences. Mrs Dean is in charge of finding out why students aren't in school. Next year students will only be allowed to miss three days a period.





Cathie Jacob,
 Roberta Jocus,
 John Johnston,
 Jim Jones,
 John Kappes,
 Mark Karmel,
 Christine Kern,
 Sharon Kinsey,

Richard Kirchner,
 Dan Koisch,
 Gerni Koryuk,
 Kathy Koryuk,
 Arlene Kramer,
 Judy Krieger,
 Annette Kulmatycki,
 Donya Lambrecht,

Jerry Lasky,
 Jane Larson,
 Linda Lemond,
 Mike Lemond,
 Donna Lenburg,
 Tom Levandoski,
 Clara Lilly,
 Shirley Lindquist,

Mike Lipinski,
 Jane Lowenstine,
 Laura Luetzow,
 Sara Lux,
 Jan Lyman,
 Steven Macatis,
 Donna MacArthur,
 Jill Mangold,

preparations

for the new block scheduling

As students gear up for block scheduling next year, teachers also try to prepare for the new path ahead.

The 1998-99 school year holds a few mysteries for the staff, since a majority of them have never been involved in block scheduling. The block scheduling program will change how some teachers teach their classes considerably.

For other teachers the change to the new schedule, called Block 4+1, does not really affect how they conduct their classes. History teacher Mr. James Douglas sees it as just, "a matter of adjust-

ment." Douglas also believes that it will benefit the students because not as much time will be spent reviewing the previous day's material. "You are going to have more time to have issues come to closure," Mr. Douglas said.

Instead of teaching six or seven classes that are 50 minutes, teachers will only have to teach four classes that are 80 minutes long. This means that teachers have to adjust how they present material to their classes. The fact that their classes will be so much longer, teachers will have to create new

innovative ideas that will capture the students attention for almost an hour and a half. Under the block scheduling program, teachers are encouraged to lecture less, and spend more time making class enjoyable.

The new year holds many questions in its hand, and how teachers adjust to the changes may be the key to a successful block program.

You are going to have more time to have issues come to closure.

teachers

Written by *Stephan Micklo*
Designed by *Merrill, Miller & White*

Some students see their teachers as overruling tyrants, there to make their life miserable. However, some teachers do have the students' best interest in mind.

There was always a reason why some teens did not like coming to school. Some of the time it had something to do with the class, or the teacher. Every teacher had their own way of teaching so the students needed to adjust to their style instead of the teacher adjusting to the students' style. For example, Mrs. Pat Strawbridge, a Chemistry and Chem-Com teacher has been teaching here for 36 years. Many of

her former students felt that her class really was tough. Strawbridge, on the other hand, feels that everything she has done is in the students' best interest.

"A teacher should be a learner and experience along with the students," Strawbridge said. Teachers interact with their students in different ways.

"A teacher's enthusiasm will reflect on the students and their work," Mrs. Lynn Huerta, a Spanish II and V teacher, said. Certain teaching qualities were important to some teachers who work their hardest to teach well. "Some qualities a teacher should have are they should be

enthusiastic, and interested in their students' attitude and work in that class," Huerta said.

No matter what the case teachers believe there still needs to be discipline. "There always needs to be rules and regulations no matter where you are," business teacher Mrs. Christine Kern said. Some teachers feel that the rules help their students learn. "I think the rules in the high schools are essential to learning," Strawbridge said. So far most teachers have agreed that the best rule that every teacher should go by is still The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would want done unto you.

Kris Marsh,
Carrie Martin,
Barbara Mason,
Richard Mason,
David Mastry,
Bob Marx,
Tom McPherson,
Dan Merrill,



Stephan Micklo,
Terry Milner,
Jill Milner,
Tom Milner,
Agrapina Monivas,
Patrick Moody,
Lisa Moser,
Marsson Mundt,



Ralph Mundt,
Arlene Neill,
Michael Nelson,
David Ochoa,
Roberts Parker,
Sheila Parker,
Ruth Parks,
Lori Pavell,



Linda Peda,
Audra Peterson,
Robert Prellwitz,
Caren Prow,
Christine Pruitt,
Jill Redmon,
Wendy Riggs,
Dorothy Rizzo,





Carolyn Rodes,
Sharron Rothe,
Millie Ruzbasan,
James Samuel,
Tom Sanidas,
Jane Schmidt,
William Schott,
Darryl Schultz,

Richard Shearer,
Kathy Shrader,
Raymond Sifrig,
Marjorie Slankowski,
Brigitte Snemis,
Tim Somers,
Joseph Sparacino,
Mary Sparacino,

Sue Squire,
Cynthia Stojic,
Patricia Strawbridge,
Madeline Summers,
Larry Tharp,
Charles Tomes,
Gail Trobaugh,
Peter Turpa,

Renee Turpa,
Jaunita Viera,
Michelle Vuko,
Paula Wiese,
William Wilke,
Lynn Wilson,
Carol Wolf,
Yan Woliman,

Erica Woodworth,



Life skills teacher Mrs. Sharron Rothe helps out junior Renee Dutcher while she cooks. There was a variety of life skills classes offered to students such as foods.



Some students received hands-on experience in their chosen career field through vocational classes. Junior **Cairiel D'Aloisio** works on a truck engine during her **Diesel Mechanics** class. Vocational classes gave students real-life experience outside the shelter of a classroom, with subjects ranging from Electronics to **Medical Terminology**. Many vocational students were honored at the **Vocational Honor Society** Inductions on **May 14** at the Memorial Opera House.



Calling to order a **Latin Club** meeting after-school in room 214, sponsor and Latin teacher **Mr. Bill Schott** reads aloud. All of the available foreign languages created and maintained clubs in order to give students more **cultural** education and enjoyable activities to go along with their in-class studies. Several foreign language students received scholarships to attend **Concordia** language camps in Minnesota, which immersed the student in the culture and language of their choice.



Practicing a song for her 4/5 module **Girl's Glee** choir class, senior **Glodia Tufaga** works on perfecting her part. **Mrs. Wendy Riggs** taught all of the choir classes including Concert and Symphonic Choir as well as Girl's Glee. All of the choirs performed together at the **Christmas Concert** and the annual **Spring Choir Festival**. The end-of-the-year concert had the theme of "Stay Tuned" imprinted on the choir members' T-shirts and included various television theme songs and showtunes.



Fredman Chris Newton studiously examines a micro-organism beneath a microscope during his **Biology X** class. An accelerated class learned the subject more thoroughly and at a faster pace, giving the students a higher understanding, if they were up for the challenge. However, **freshmen** and **sophomores** did not receive honors credit for advanced classes they took. A junior or senior taking an honors class received a 5.0 for an A, helping to boost her or his **GPA** as well as enriching their minds.

teams



In her 10 module Query class, taught by Mrs. Jane Lowenstine, senior Amanda Szentesy works on her paint project. The advanced art class contributed to the art show in May, the largest showing in school history.

Key Club

Mrs. Roberta Jocius
President Cheryl Guzikowski
Vice President Dawn Zimmerman
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Gave Halloween bags to nursing homes, participated in singing Christmas carols, Christmas in April (a national project to rebuild a home for a less unfortunate family, everything that is done is a service), workshop at Myers after school, project to raise money for IDD by putting jars out at the lunch registers and asked for donations of a nickel or more.

"Key club is an outlet for people to get involved with their community and with others," Junior Cheryl Guzikowski said.

"I was in Key Club where I used to live; and I loved it," sophomore Amber Greenwell said.



front row: Michael Kramer, Cheryl Guzikowski, Candace Crocken, Ryan Fisher. second row: Mrs. Cathy Jacobs, Josh Sater, Katherine Odilio, Justen Shultz. back row: Moren Jordan, Brianne Beike, Juanita Cardona, Saralin Fuentes, Dawn Zimmerman, Mr. John Goldschmidt.

SADD Stop

Mr. Jim Guzikowski
President: Megan Cleary
Vice President: Nikki DeMarco
Secretary: Peggy Shelton
Treasurer: Kelly Hale
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Came upon the day of the dead, help run Red Ribbon week, help organize Riley Hospital fund, Child Abuse week & walkathon for abused children.

"I like SADD/STOP because were really involved in the community, we get a lot accomplished," Mr. Jim Guzikowski said.

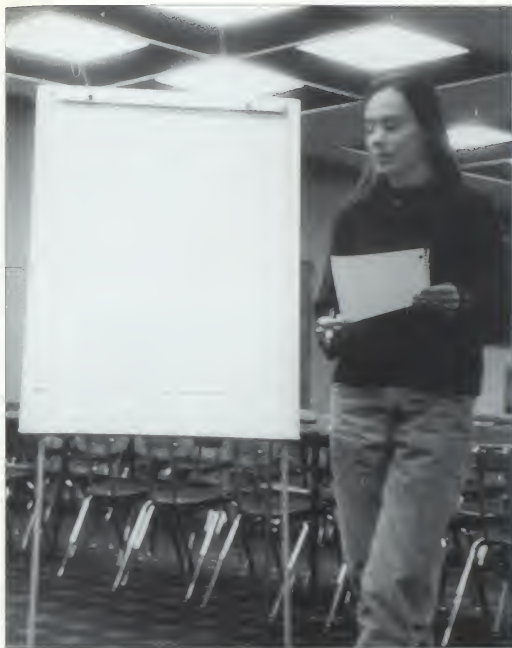
"Working with elementary kids was the most fun. High school heroes was to convince them not to smoke and the 'Just Say No' picnic was when we got to be kids again," sophomore Valerie Warner said.



front row: Megan Cleary. second row: Steve De Leon, Tiffany Hagen, Kelly Pokorney, Nikki Demarco, Sabrina Leto, Kellie Hale. third row: Katherine Ivey, Valerie Warner, Tricia Rogala, Theresa Bickham, Amanda Stentesy, Stephanie Smock, Brandon Rainwater. back row: Mr. Jim Guzikowski.

Whole as a SADD STOP meeting, sophomores Cameron Kelly-Johnson and Christopher Sewell sit with Jason Maisonneuve while listening to the topic of the meeting. SADD/STOP held The Day of the Dead May 7 to try to get the message out to students about Drinking and Driving. The SADD/STOP also had a real coffin in the commons so when students looked in it they would see their reflection in a mirror.





Standing front and center senior Megan Cleary talks to her fellow SADD/STOP members about the current activities that they would like to participate in. The SADD/STOP sponsored Red Ribbon week during the week of Oct. 23. The point of Red Ribbon week was to help fight the war against drugs.



Looking at her book junior Peggy Shelton works on her homework for her BPA class. The BPA Club sold balloon bouquets for Valentine Day that students could buy and send to their sweethearts. The BPA also sells suckers to students around Halloween time.



Mrs. Lori Pavel, Elisea Gonzalez, Maria Caballero, Danielle Cauley, Peggy Shelton, Denise Carpenter, Tiffany Swanson, Lisa Morrisroe, Michelle Hostetler, Mark Gulley, Rachel Bott, Amanda Flanagan, Krystal Hale, Nicole Singer, Kimberly Holland, Danyele Toczek, Brooke Chirila, Mark Muffer, Jessica Hoover, Robert Gomez, Jim Culig.

BPA Society

Mrs. Lori Pavel
President Jessica Hoover
Vice President Tiffany Swanson
Secretary Peggy Shelton

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Sold balloons for Valentine's Day, lollipops for Halloween, and raised their own money, sold flowers, run a "mock"-business where everyone has their own position, pay bills, learn the class, Software, Word Access and Microsoft Works, Contests and Authentic curriculum, internship, work at a real job for nine weeks, receive credit, also run a pretend business in class, highest technology class in this school, as a senior can get paid at a job.

"It's fun, a good learning experience, and prepares you for the future work force," junior Kim Holland said.

National Honor Society

Miss Elizabeth Duncan
President Adam Woynarowski
Vice President Fahad Javed
Secretary Shannon Meyer
Treasurer Tony Rachich
Historian Elizabeth Cattani
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String together at the induction ceremony for FLHS (Foreign Language Honor Society) are sophomores Julie Lochmondy, Erica Lo and junior Cheryl Guzikowski. Every year students with a high grade point average are eligible for FLHS.

Tutored students, encouraged people to be eligible for Honor Society, held a blood drive, had more participants than ever before.

"National Honor Society is an established organization that helps the community and other students," junior Amy Nelson said. "This year we have had the most people enter than ever before, the blood drive was really an accomplishment for us," junior Stephanie Niemcewicz said.



Front row: Kristel Hammerstein, Megan Nelson, Cassandra Mateo, Brian Balta. **Second row:** Stefanie Ragon, Candice Williams, Belinda Stepnowski, Tara Potts, Nicole Bellamy, Renee Dutcher, Julie Rachich. **Back row:** Jon Harbaugh, Adam Woynarowski, Kimberly Holland, Brad Green, Andrea Skafish, Ryan Mason, Joe Paunika, Eric Curtel.



Anxiously awaiting for the ceremony to begin sophomore Eileen Craighead sits with her mom. Craighead was taking her third year of Spanish when she was inducted into Foreign Language Honor Society.





Daniela Gazibara, Daniel Nemeth, Carrie Javorka, Jennifer Johnson, Traci Miedema, Elizabeth Monroe, Lydia Gonzalez.

Trisha Eastwood, Tissa Kornafel, Cristin Sparks, Erica Lowe, Bud Hinchley, Eileen Craighead, Amber Jacobson, Belinda Stepnowski, Cheresa Jonkman, Nicole Bellamy, Kathryn Camisa, Joseph James, Julie Lochmond, Jennifer Rhodus, Michelle Williams, Cheryl Guzikowski, Joseph Bloomfield, Paul Torchia, Jeffery Zaka, David Alonzo, Christopher Burton, Andrew Sayer, Andrew Sayer, Daniel Prendergast, Ryan Mason, Sean Hannon, Michael Lituch, James Crowley, Natalie Yudi, Chad Smolar, Matthew Whittier.

Foreign Language Honor Society

All of the Foreign Language teachers
of November 51

Induction ceremony that was held in March, held a fund-raiser in which they sold candy that was from what culture they were learning.

"It was a good experience knowing you have to do so good to be in Foreign Language Honor Society," sophomore Cristin Sparks said.

"It was a good idea for people who are in foreign language and want to major in it in college," sophomore Natalie Yudi said.

"I liked the foreign language student and how she explained how foreign language can help you," sophomore Erica Lo said.

"Being able to communicate with people in a different language that I couldn't before and learning a new vocabulary, and being able to learn about a new culture and different ways of life," sophomore Joseph Bloomfield said.

"It is an honor to get a medal to show all the hard work I've done," sophomore Carrie Javorka said.

Lighting their candles
juniors Susie Grunden, Brad
Green and Jackie Frechere await
their induction into NHS.
After each lighting ceremony
new members are inducted into
NHS. The group participates
in various projects throughout
the year.

Speech Team

Miss Megan Donelli
Miss Carrie Martin
President: Craig Golbesky
Vice President: Jessica Lach
Secretary: Nicole Singer
Historians: Rich Cox
Rachel Wilson

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Became the biggest team ever, won two tournaments, took home a trophy at every competition, held first annual performance night, they are a nationally recognized district that was third in the country out of 250 districts. Recognized as special region, had parties for the holidays, went to Indianapolis and stayed over night for a tournament, also visited the nursing home and entertained, held practices everyday from November to April.

"I hate having to come to school at 4:30 in the morning, but I like getting up in front of people and the adrenaline gets me going," senior Kristi Heselstine said.



Ms. Carrie Martin, Richard Cox, Ryann Galindo, Jessica Lach, Craig Golbesky, Nicole Singer, Rachel Wilson, Head Coach Miss Megan Donelli, Rhonda McQuertary, Tiffany Gorbey, Kristi Heselstine, Sasia Rodriguez, Stephanie Sulcer, Autumn Alderson, Darcy Kuta, Troy Alford, Becky Ballinger-Harris, Lisa Lombardi, Matt Wilkins, Kimberly Kehoe, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Vince Hernandez, Kevin Wallskog, Eric Harrell, Heather Danielewicz, April Campbell, Angela Magana, Cheryl Lingfoot, Erin Fitzgerald, Dani Gazibara, George Burchuk, Megan Van Auken.

Debate Team

Mr. Mark Karmel
Co-captains Jason McGann
Chad Solivais

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Membership has increased 300 percent, there were also four new members who placed fifth at Logansport Debate Tournament.

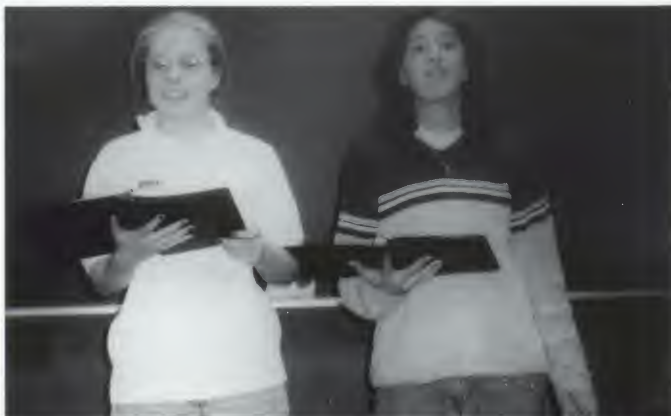
"I have fun at the tourney's and competitions trying to beat other people," senior, Jason McGann, co-captain, said.

"Debate is fun because you don't get to yell, but you get to argue your point mentally and play mind games," sophomore Sarah Watson said.



Sarah Watson, Valerie Warner, Mr. Mark J. Karmel, Jason McGann, Chad Solivais.

Jessica Lach and Cassie Mateo practice for an upcoming speech meet. Before a meet members were required to practice two times with the coaches so they could be ready to compete.





Andrea Skafish, Marc Mihalik, Keri-Ann Baldridge, Kris Hasselgren, Jeni Delgado, Shannon Rissum, Shaun Simmons, Jeremiah Newhall, Brandon Refitt.

Thespians

Mr. Joe Stevens
 Presidents Megan Nelson
 Andrea Skafish
 Vice President Marc Michal
 Secretary Craig Golbesky
 Historian Keri-Ann Baldridge

Student work: Thespians 12

Produce all the schools shows on stage and backstage, including the technical work and saw a theater production in Chicago.

"Some Thespians are in plays. Most try to be on stage while others just do backstage stuff, and it's just a group of people who love theater," senior Kristen Hasselgren said.

"I just like to have fun," Mark Mihalik said.

While they concentrate together on a book, junior Andrea Skafish and Senior Megan Nelson spend time at a Thespian meeting. Skafish and Nelson were involved in the musical "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" and the play "Flowers For Algernon."

Video

Club

Mr. Robert Beigh
President Kris Boruff
Vice President Fawnda Burlingame
five

Taped school functions variety show, "Flowers for Alverno," "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" and choir concerts.

"I learned editing and basic constructions of video formatting," sophomore Vince Hernandez said.

"There are a few things I enjoyed dealing with as much as Fawnda," senior Kris Boruff said.



Fawnda Burlingame, Kris Boruff, Vince Hernandez, Neil Sly, Vance Carlin.

Youth

Alive

Mrs. Bonnie Albert
President Angel Rodriguez
45-50

They held See You at the Pole, 30 hour fasting to raise money for foreign countries, taught others about different faiths and religions.

"Youth Alive is a time to relax and share your faith with other students whether you're of the same denomination or not. It isn't really a lot of work because people are always willing to help you out," senior Angel Rodriguez said.

"We basically just go to have fun and follow our faith. It's really a chance to be with other Christians who attend my school," sophomore Erica Lo said. "I enjoyed Youth Alive. I got to learn about people and their religions," sophomore Erin Fitzgerald said.



Genise Britton, Megan Van Auker, Angel Rodriguez, Jessica Delgado, Rhonda McQueary, Erin Fitzgerald, Michelle Bellar, Heather Vandrask, Luis Urra, Gina Munoz, David Torres, Shannon Webb.



At a weekly Writer's Block meeting, senior Amanda Szentesy thinks of a story to share with the rest of the group. Writer's Block helped students express their feelings, emotions and thoughts through short stories poems and other assorted writings.

Waiting for the Youth Alive meeting to begin, sophomore Heather Vandrask and senior James Jacobs discuss the days events. Youth Alive was open to anyone who wanted to discuss their beliefs with others and learn about other religions and faiths.





Amanda Szentesy, Keely Mead, Mrs. Tammy Minks, Conor Smith, Pierre Sosa, Heather Bush, Holly Chinn, Heather Danielewicz, Renee Dutcher, Robyn Dettlerline, Justeen Schultz.

Writer's Block

Mrs. Tammy Minks
President Heather Danielewicz

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Brought own work and read aloud, peer criticized each others work, sponsored writing/art connection in spring, went to Bailey's Tomb for Halloween, placed second in Haunted Hayride contest.

"I think it's important we have something like this. It's an outlet for people who enjoy writing or literature in general. It's an overall pleasant and interesting experience," junior Conor Smith said. "I think that the group is good because you learn not to stereotype people. We also learned not to judge people by what's on the cover, to look at the inside pages," freshman Justeen Schultz said.

Members of the video club senior Kris Boruff and sophomore Vince Hernandez work on the editing equipment. The video club taped many after school functions, such as choir concerts and school plays.

Spell

Bowl

Sponsor: Mrs. Jill Mangold
Prizes: \$500, \$250, \$100

By: *Staff Writer* Placed second in area and went to Duneland Conference.

Reporter "Spell Bowl is an all together fun experience, because of the laid back yet wise manner in which the practices were held," freshman Chris Kanich said.

"Spell Bowl was a lot of fun, but also a lot of hard work and studying," freshman Erin Ables said. "I think it's great and we'd like to recruit more people. It's really fun and it also furthers my vocabulary," sophomore Dennis Cimbaljevich said.



Staff Writer Dennis Cimbaljevich, Erin Ables, Chris Kanich.

Seated together in a high school cafeteria, decathlon team members try to cram all the information they can right before the start of the daylong competition. There were ten parts to the competition, including a speech, interview, and essay.





While they ponder a question together, juniors Brad Green, Brian Balta and sophomores Dennis Cimbaljevich and Neil Sly participate in Knowledge Bowl. Balta and Cimbaljevich were medal winners for the Decathlon team, which also placed third in the area.



Team: Erin Ables, Sabrina Stearns, Dani Gazibara, Vicenta Chagoya, Brian Balta. **Coaches:** Jennifer Mesich, Julie Racich, Neil Sly, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Chris Kanich, Rich Mayerik.

Decathlon Team

Spurred: Mrs. Jill Mangold

Results of November 12 Area Championships: Placed third in this area, medal winners, placed second in Super Quiz.

Behind the scenes: "I joined it to test myself because it wasn't something I had accomplished and I thought it might be fun, and now that I know that I like the challenge, not so much the material itself, but the time and effort we all put into it. After Decathlon was all over and the awards were passed out, it felt good to know being on the team was worth it," junior Rich Mayerik said. "It was fun because I learned a lot and met a lot of people. We became close as a team, especially during the Super Quiz, that was my favorite part of the competition," junior Vicenta Chagoya said.



Brian Balta, Erin Ables, Sean Hannon, Eric Curiel, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Brad Green, Chris Kanich, Christine Paunicka.

Knowledge Bowl

Spurred: Mrs. Jill Mangold

With: Captains Sean Hannon
Brad Green

Results of November 12 Area Championships: About 15 for each competition. The team placed 15th in the state for their fall competition.

Behind the scenes: "Each time I found out about a new [academic] competition, if the student body is interested, I would make an effort to see that they get the opportunity to participate," Mrs. Jill Mangold said.

"The best part of being on the Knowledge Bowl team was being on it with people I knew. I'd also like to beat Valpo in one of our competitions," junior Brian Balta said.

▲ Break during a Super Bowl study session, freshman Stephanie Lofland and juniors Richard Mayerik and Brad Green eat pizza. Lofland, Mayerik and Green were all members of the Super Bowl team.



Super Bowl

Organized by Mrs. Jill Mangold

Participants 23

Interdisciplinary team placed fifth at state out of 82 teams.

"There is a lot of team work involved because you discuss answers and you learn to compromise," freshman Jennifer Mesich said.

"We didn't get as far as we wanted but that's not the whole entire point. It's having a good time and learning as much as you can," junior Rick Mayerik said.

"I enjoy the opportunity to win and the thrill of competing. It's always exciting to me," junior Brad Green said.

"I liked how we got to work in our own category in the meets. I also liked my team, they were great," freshman Erin Ables said.



Team Amanda McKenzie, Dani Garibara, Stephanie Lofland, Erin Ables, **second row** Richard Mayerik, Christine Paunicka, Mike Wade, Brian Balta, Joseph Paunicka, Ryan Shaw, Eric Curiel, Mrs. Mary Sparacino, Mrs. Jill Mangold, **back row** Mr. Joe Sparacino, Brad Green, Chris Kanich.

Quiz Bowl

Organized by Mrs. Jill Mangold

Participants Nine

Fourth in first ever state tournament that was compiled with a new set of rules, represented the Duneland conference.

"The element of competition provided adds additional fun to answering the various questions, winning only enhances this inherent enjoyment," junior Brad Green said.

"I like winning, and Quiz Bowl was fun and it looks good on a college application," junior Sean Hannon said.

"It was a challenge and I learned a lot," sophomore Mike Wade said.



Team Brian Balta, Erin Ables, Mike Wade, Sean Hannon, **coach** Richard Mayerik, Chris Kanich, Brad Green.



Chem Team

Advisor: Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge
Co-presidents: Liz Mirz
 Tiffany Pullen

Minutes in Minutes: 36

Provided entertainment for some of the students during the last day of school before they left for Christmas break, went to elementary schools to perform for the younger students.

"I really liked being on the Chem Team because I got to have fun and learn at the same time. It was a really great experience and I hope to do it again next year," sophomore Lisa Webster said.

"It was pretty neat going to the elementary schools and doing the show for the elementary kids for Chem team," sophomore Amy Hall said.

"It was a lot of fun when we went to Central Elementary and performed in front of the little kids," sophomore Christine Paunicka said.

From left: Amy Hall, Brian Balta, Amber Johnson, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Abigail Kay, Tiffany Pullen, Theresa Bickham. *Second row:* Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge, Stephanie Smock, Erin Nolan, Elizabeth Batista, Dessire Franco, Amanda Mangual, Joseph Gomez. *Back row:* Amanda Stentesy, Julia Nilsch, Christine Paunicka, Joe Paunicka, James Thomas, Brian Oldham, Mike Wade, Laura Owens.



Teaching Superbowl teams from various school about the advancements in music technology during the Industrial Revolution, an instructor from Valparaiso University shows the students a violin. The Super Bowl team competed twice at different high schools.

Legend

Advisor: Lori Harris
Editors: Kathy Ret
 Christina Barajas
 Danijela Gazibara

Number of pages: 15

How it was created: Created the yearbook, met goals for ad sales, recorded memories of high school, recruited future staff members at middle schools, some were initiated into Quill & Scroll, involved in publications banquet.

Behind the scenes: "There is a lot of responsibility involved," sophomore Elizabeth Batista said. "The ones who stay after, we eat together, we're around each other continuously." Miss Lori Harris said. "Being on Legend was a great experience for me. It was fun because it was like a big family. It took dedication and an extreme amount of responsibility," Sophomore Jennifer Kaiser said.



Back row: Danijela Gazibara, Elizabeth Batista, Desirre Franco, Amanda Mangual, Kimberly McGee. **Second row:** Miss Lori Harris, Genanne Voynovich, Meredith Breyfogle, Tiffany Dominic, Dylan Doran, Jamie Wolfe. **Back row:** Missy Bedroya, Mathew Welch, Julie Sokol, Ricky Goggins, Jennifer Kaiser.

Pow Wow

Advisor: Lori Harris
Editor: Jason McGann
Number of pages: 16

How it was created: Placed ninth nationally in newspaper category for 1-8 pages, compiled Pow Wow's every other week, improved design and story content, developed special friendships among staff members.

Behind the scenes: "Pow Wow is really hard, and trying to meet deadlines fries your brain," sophomore Amanda Walworth said. "It's really great hanging out with friends for an hour during school. It's a lifelong experience," sophomore Chris Mihal said. "We work as an angry stubborn feisty family but we always deliver," junior Malia Chavez said. "We work well," senior Jason McGann said.



Back row: Jason McGann, Nicole Nemeth, Christopher Mihal, Malia Chavez, Shannon Strickland, Amber Holeman, Amanda Walworth, Amy Hawkins. **Second row:** Miss Lori Harris, Tiffany Dominic, Shawn Marjanian, Melissa Hansell, Megan McLeod, Tom Else, Andrew Reed, Chris Hollon, Milica Kosica.

In the darkroom junior Tiffany Dominic cleans a picture to try and make it look its best. Tiffany was on the Pow Wow and Legend staffs. The Legend staff spent many hours after school.





Harris and Price working together on a spread, sophomores Jamie Wolfe and Julie Sokol discuss elements of design. Sokol and Wolfe were both inducted into Quill & Scroll in the springs.



As he works in Pow Wow class, sophomore Thomas Else works on making the deadline. Else worked as an artist on the Pow Wow staff. The Pow Wow recieved ninth place honors at the National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle for the category of Newspapers with one to eight pages.



News Bureau

Lori Harris

Editor Brandi Arcuri

Four

Wrote stories for the newspaper, Some initiated into Quill & Scroll.

"Being a publications photographer was a unique experience for me," sophomore Katherine Garriss said.

"I'm in it because I like Miss Harris as a teacher and she is a very good educator, so I thought that it would be an interesting class to take," sophomore Daniel Pomeroy said.

"You get to write for a real newspaper instead of a small publication," junior Brandi Arcuri said.

Daniel Pomeroy, Brandi Arcuri, Tracy McNeley, Kathy Harris, Christine Price.

After school at a Quill & Scroll meeting senior Genanne Voynovich checks over yearbook proofs. Genanne has been on the yearbook staff for two years and was the treasurer of Quill & Scroll.



Broadcasting

Miss Lori Harris
Anchors Missy Bedroya
Rachel Vallejo

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First year for Portage High School to have a Broadcasting class, released a show almost every two weeks, had segments for entertainment, news, sports, commentary, some members were inducted into Quill and Scroll.

"I think Broadcasting was a lot of fun because everyone worked together. But it was still hard work," sophomore Jennifer Kaiser said. "It was a new and exciting experience that I enjoyed very much," sophomore Daniel Pomeroy said.



From left: Sarah Watson, Jennifer Kaiser, Mellisa Hanstell, Missy Bedroya.



Quill & Scroll

Miss Lori Harris
President Missy Bedtoya
Vice President Shannon Strickland
Secretary Jason McGann
Treasurer Geananne Voynovich

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Participated in the Christmas in April volunteer program, also did other community service projects, put together the journalism banquet.

"We all get together and have a great time," senior Jason McGann said.

"I think it is an honor to even be considered for such a highly recognized organization," sophomore Christina Barajas said.

"Being in Quill & Scroll is a very big honor for me since I want to be a journalist when I get out of school," sophomore Dessite Franco said.

Julie Sokol, Jamie Wolfe, Kathy Garris, Milica Kosica, Elizabeth Batista, Melissa Hansell, Jennifet Kaiser, Amber Holeman, Kathy Rea, Matt Welches, Malisa Chavez, Christina Barajas, Missy Bedtoya, Geananne Voynovich, Chris Mihal, Jason McGann, Tracy McNeiley.



During class senior Jason McGann discusses some issues about the Pow Wow with sophomore Chris Mihal. McGann has been in Quill & Scroll for two years and was the treasurer his senior year. Mihal was inducted as a member in the spring.



Saga

Mrs. Tammy Minks
Editors Heather Bush
Heather Danielewicz

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Create the Saga, put together an ad campaign for selling Saga.

"Saga was the type of class that you could take one person from each group of people and combine them into one class to make a team that could actually pull through and make one great magazine," sophomore Shannon Curl said.

"Saga is a class for everyone. It's mostly what you make of it. You must have an open mind. We made sure every writer has a chance. In essence, I would recommend joining Saga for anyone," sophomore Natan Peek.5 said.

Matthew Westerkamp, Rachel Wilson, Corey Miles, Nathan Peek, Shannon Curl, Kelly Waugaman, Sabrina Ieto, Megan Nelson, Shawn Simmons, Mary Nolan, Letitia Gray, Amanda Potts, Heather Bush, Heather Danielewicz, Robert Kreiss.

Student Council

Mr. Ron Hancock
President Dan Barajas
Vice President Angel Rodriguez
Secretary Mary Brown
Treasurer Jill Finney
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Club mini fair, Back-to-school dance, Fall Homecoming, Winter Coat Drive, Halloween Safety, Halloween Dance, Nursing Home Bingo, Food Drive, Secret Pal, Christmas Dance, Ping Pong Tournament.

"Student Council provides an experience that will last a lifetime. I'm involved in it because I really enjoy helping and seeing the joy people have when you help them," junior class representative Erin Austgen said.

"Student Council is basically a scaled down version of the government that is run by students. The sponsor oversees things, but the students basically make the decisions," sophomore class president Aaron Priest said.

"Homecoming was the best because it was a lot of hard work and to see it turn out successful was really cool," Student Council vice president senior Angel Rodriguez said.

"It's a great way to meet people from around the country," student council secretary Mary Brown said.



1st row: Dan Barajas, 2nd row: Mr. Ron Hancock, Jill Finney, Angel Rodriguez, Mary Brown, Ms. Luetzow, 3rd row: Ruth Pomeroy, Vicki Perez, Angela Magana, Sadia Javed, Sandy Kennedy, Cheryl Lightfoot, Stephanie Lofland, Cheryl Guzikowski, Alex Lo, Greg Cieselski, Dustin Pittman, Amy Lochmondy, Jen Andrews, 4th row: Lisette Fontaner, Caryn Adair, Jeannette Sancher, Monica Tatela, Cyndi Martus, Dolores Lira, Breanna Beke, Erin Austgen, Mandi Bartok, Tammy Chadwick, Desi Franco, Jessica Rhea, Holly Klingensmith, Jen Rhodus, Julie Lochmondy, 5th row: Tessie Frechette, Nicole Hall, Katie Siminski, Marcy Greer, Natalie Fornari, Annette Barok, Milica Kosica, Missy Hanell, Natalie Kinnic, Mindy Hanell, Holly Blake, Erica Lo, Joe Bloomfield, 6th row: James Jacobs, Jennie Zielinski, Carhy Zielinski, Jamie Sutton, Aaron Priest, Vance Carlin, Jon Harbaugh, Emily Henke, Amy Barwig, 7th row: Rachel Fink, Eric Reynolds, Marc Samardzija, Neil Sly, Jason Barwig, Brian Conner, Rich Mayerick, Brad Green, Ryan Mason.

Student Court

Mr. James Douglas
Chief Justice Adam Woynaroski
Parliamentarian Neil Sly
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The Student Court legalizes the actions and events of the Student Council, ensuring that whatever occurs at school through the Student Council is just.

"To get into Student Court you have to be voted in and once you're in you're in to stay, so I've been in Student Court since I was a freshman," sophomore Vance Carlin said.



1st row: Sadia Javed, Tiffany Pullen, Neil Sly, Adam Woynaroski, Marc Samardzija, Vance Carlin.

Multi-cultural Club
Black History Month, Multi-Cultural Club member Angel Rodriguez looks through pictures of famous African Americans. The Multi-Cultural Club tried to bring different cultures to the school so that students could learn about cultures unlike their own.





After a Student Court meeting senior Adam Woynarowski and junior Andrea Skafish receive some information for the next meeting. Student Court had many responsibilities and closely worked together with the Student Council.



Student Council member junior Cheryl Guzickowski explains an upcoming project to some freshmen members. Anyone could participate in Student Council or could be come and honorary member by coming to three meetings and chairing a committee but in order to be an officer they had to be elected.



Dolores Lira, Sadia Javed, Cheryl Lightfoot, Angela Magania, Alex Lo, Angel Rodriguez, Lisette Fontanez, Jeanette Sanchez, Cindy Martus, Mrs. Vuko.

Multi-Cultural Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Michelle Vuko
President: Alex Lo
Activities: Held Ethnic food fest and Pro-Diversity Rally.
Purpose of Club: "Our purpose is to educate people on tolerance, understanding, and acceptance of other cultures and beliefs," Mrs. Michelle Vuko said. "It's fun and it informs you and teaches you. It makes you respect people more and see people differently. Something you thought about them before you knew them changes," Monica Tazala said. "We can talk freely," freshman Angela Magonia said. "It's good because you can meet a lot of people and stuff," sophomore Alex Lo said.

Many high school students helped move debris during the Christmas in April project. Junior April Campbell, vice-president of the Spanish Club, helped out at her site.



Let the cooking begin! Sophomore Fred Joseph looks at his directions and begins to make the preparations needed to cook during the German Club meeting.



Spanish Club

Mrs. Brigitte Snemis
President Kim Kehoe
Vice President April Campbell
Secretary April Campbell
Treasurer April Campbell

Interview by Christine 12

Sold candy as a fund-raiser, took a trip to Chicago, visited a museum and a restaurant.

"I joined the Spanish Club because my friends were in it and they said it would be fun. It is a lot of fun even though we don't do all that much right now. We are trying to go to Great America this year," junior vice president April Campbell said. "I've really had fun this year," sophomore Erin Fitzgerald said.



Front row: Mrs. Brigitte Snemis, Jason Robbins, Heidi Kitchen, April Campbell, back row: Kimberly Kehoe, Matt Arndt, Frank Montolone, Scott Riley, Erin Fitzgerald.

German Club

Mrs. Sue Squire
President Nicole Bellamy
Vice President Stephanie Lowe
Secretary Lisa Stanley
Treasurer Kim McWaters
Historian Pierre Sosa

Interview by Christine 10

Sent eight students to Germany for three weeks during the summer of 1997 on a student exchange program, hosted another one in the spring.

"We go places and learn about German culture," sophomore Kim McWaters said. "When we meet we experiment with cultural cooking a lot," junior Nicole Bellamy said.



Front row: Stephanie Lowe, Kimberly McWaters, back row: Nicole Bellamy, Pierre Sosa, Lisa Stanley, Miss Sue Squire.



French Club

Mr. David Mast
President Theresa Bickham
Vice President Stephanie Smock
Secretary Kari Tharp
Treasurer Amanda Szentesy

Members 100 (at various occasions)

Won first in Homecoming decorating contest six years in a row, students that earn 500 points receive letters, only club to receive letters, went on a haunted hayride, donated funds toward bullet proof vests for police officers, learned to make crepe and play mille bornes and boules, went to Museum of Art Institute in Chicago, students that lettered received plaques, showed French movies after school and saw plays.

Theresa Bickham, Stephanie Smock, Amanda Szentesy, Dan Fulkerson, Stephanie O'Connor, Kari Tharp, Renee Dutcher, Trisha Eastwood.



It's time for clean-up. After school, freshman Melissa Misner scrubs the pans the club used for the cultural cuisine they sampled during the German Club meeting.

During the German Club meeting, sophomore Kimberly McWaters grates bread for the traditional German meal the club members are preparing. The club cooked a great deal to enhance their understanding of German culture.

Club

Mr. David Masty
President Ryan Mason
Vice President Brad Green
Secretary Cassie Mateo
Treasurer Adam Wovnarosk

Cultural preparation for New Year's during class, held Chinese New Year's banquet, learned to play Chinese chess and Mah-jongg.

"We try to do culture related activities we're not able to do in class," Mr. David Masty said. "I, nor my fellow club members will be able to forget the time when we all danced in jubilant elation during the Grandiose Ceremony of the Chinese New Year," junior Chinese Club President Ryan Mason said.



Mr. Mastey, **Sheriff**—Andrea Skafish, Cassie Mateo, Tara Potts, Elaine Geeting, **Black Hawk**—Sean Hannon, Brad Green, Ryan Mason.



Sitting in class, sophomore Danielle Barnett listens to the teacher as the class has a discussion about Latin. Barnett has been taking Latin for three years.



Ringling in the Chinese New Year junior Jaclyn Frechette eats an egg roll. The Chinese Club had to have two divisions because of the large number of people who wanted to join.



Enjoying the ethnicity, juniors Candace Crockett and Erin Jedlikowski learn to use chopsticks to eat their Chinese cuisine. The Chinese Club also held a banquet after school to ring in the Chinese New Year.



At a Latin club meeting juniors, Amy Nelson and Denise Carpenter work on their assignment. The Latin club went on a trip to Great America at the end of the school year.



From left: Amanda McKenzie, Elaine Geeting, Melissa Fluck, Chris Wells, Justen Prugh, Matt Harris, Julie Fancher, Danielle Barnett, Amy Nelson, Denise Carpenter, *back row*: Mr. Bill Schott, Susie Grunden, Micah Bornstein, Amanda Hise.

Latin

Club

President: Mr. Bill Schott
Vice Presidents: Co-Councils: Melissa Fluck
 Elaine Geeting
Secretary: J. Martinez 30

Activities: Organized end of the year trip to Great America. Held candy sales, Roman banquet, and doughnut sale for the first two weeks of March.

Quote: "We have fund-raisers all the time. We have to raise money to go to Great America. We had a lot of fun at Lupercalia," sophomore Amanda McKenzie said.

"We went to Great America and had a lot of fun. It's definitely something I will remember," sophomore Amber Johnson said.

"I think it's fun because we get to go to Great America," freshman Julie Fancher.

HOSA

President Mrs. Lynn Wilson
Vice President Shannon Longmore
Secretary Stephanie Iwan
Treasurer Angie Murray
Historians Stacy Porter
 Melissa Smith

Yearbook 11

Competition Sold toothbrush kits, special scene in Haunted Hayride at Woodland Park.

Winning the S... "I would tell anyone interested in the medical field to go for HOSA," senior Tova Henson-Gajdik said.

"My dad was in the hospital when I was about 11 years old, and ever since then I've been interested in the medical field," senior Shannon Longmore said.



From left: Shannon Longmore, **second year:** Jillian Finnelly, Chrissie Abraham, Kristen Levan, Stefanie Iwan, **back row:** Heather Jaroszewski, Kimberly Harden, Tiffany Warren, Tova Henson-Gajdik, Tara Wozniak.

Vocational Honor society
 member senior Pamela Tometzak reads to preschool children in her child care class. The sponsor of the Vocational Honor Society was Mr. John Groth.





Kelli Ellis, Glodia Tufaga, Angelita Rodriguez,

Mrs. Lynn Wilson, Kristy Boggs, Jennie Zielinski, Cassandra Mateo, Sally Walton, Sarah Sasseville, Michelle Vaught, Nicole Bellamy, Kim Sherringa.

Mr. Jim Guzikowski, Ryan Mason, John Michael Hutchins, Cory Sizemore, Thomas Bialata, Daniel Barajas, Kathryn Ostrander, Michael Loesch, James Crowley, Adam Woynaroski, Winter Felinski, Brian McGuckin.

Natural Helpers

Interview Mrs. Lynn Wilson
Mrs. Kelli Ellis

Number of Members 29

Academic Achievement Raised money for first year from retreat.

Member of "I enjoyed it a lot because it teaches you about yourself as well as others, and it makes people appreciate the little things in life," senior Angel Rodriguez said.

"Sharing special bonds with different people that I didn't even know was the best thing for me about Natural Helpers," senior Kristy Boggs said.

"Every aspect of the retreat was cool. You got to know people deep down," senior Glodia Tufaga said.

"Natural Helpers was a great benefit to me. It touched my life in so many ways. It made me realize who I was, and how to be true to myself. It taught me how to deal with problems of my own as well as others. It helped me to slow down and value life," junior Sarah Sasseville said.

Coldest a turtle, Vocational Honor Society member junior Heather Lucas, plays with a preschool child in the child care class. To be a member of VHS students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, a minimum of four credits and must be approved by selection committee. Twenty four students achieved this honor.

JROTC

First Hour

SPONSOR Major John Johnston

FOUNDED BY November 10

MEMBERSHIP Worked as security at football games, held the colors ceremony at football and basketball games, helped at homecoming, marched in the Memorial Day parades, marched in homecoming parades.

FEELING ABOUT SCHOOL "I decided to join JROTC because my friends persuaded me to. I thought it would be a good experience. I have learned leadership qualities and how to become a leader," Sergeant Shilah Fields, a freshman, said.

"I decided to join JROTC because it looked like fun. And I wanted to learn more about the services," Lance Corporal Brandie Thiel, a freshman, said.



FRONT ROW Major John Johnston. **SECOND ROW** Stephanie Shepherd, Toni Borden, Seth Britton, Shannon Moore, Shilah Fields, Jacqueline Johnson, Eddie Rivera, Jessica Potts, Jeffery Szybala, Kari Kopko. **THIRD ROW** Mary Pope, Kevin Boiling.

JROTC

Second Hour

SPONSOR Major John Johnston

FOUNDED BY November 33

MEMBERSHIP Worked as security at football games, held the colors ceremony at football and basketball games, helped at fall homecoming, marched in Memorial Day parade and homecoming parades.

FEELING ABOUT SCHOOL "I decided to join JROTC because it looked fun and interesting, and I wanted to put myself to a challenge. In JROTC, I have learned self-confidence, discipline, and how to deal with situations that don't really happen on a day-to-day basis. I have never really considered the Army, but maybe the United States Coast Guard. I think JROTC will prepare me to be the best I can be," freshman Jennifer Lichtle said.

"I joined JROTC to show myself I can do something and become a more disciplined person and an officer. Maybe I would like to join the Marines. I think JROTC is fun because we play a game on Friday and we learn about a different thing and history," Corporal Brandon Refitt, a sophomore, said.



FRONT ROW Major John Johnston. **SECOND ROW** Nicole Toma, Melissa Weidenaar, Kyle Jenkins, Cyndi Baker, Stephanie Christopher, Nicole Zaideman, Jillian Nestler, Tracie Potts, Derek Harvey, Curt Shaffer, Jennifer Lichtle. **THIRD ROW** Maureen Jordan, Nolan Worley, Becky Rodriguez, Charles Jackson, John Brunker, Steven Keilman, Stephanie Kuehl, Marie Boller, Nicole Fink, Jason Morris. **BACK ROW** Joshua Buckner, Eric Walker, Brandon Walker, Kevin O'Quinn, Anthony Kozik Jr., Private Johnston, Joshua Jubasz, Jeanie Joseph, Amanda Jamieson, Ryan Johnston.

JROTC

Third Hour

SPONSOR Sergeant Major Johnston

FOUNDED BY November 26

MEMBERSHIP Worked security at football games, held the colors ceremony at football and basketball games, helped out at fall homecoming, marched in Memorial Day parades and Homecoming Parade.

FEELING ABOUT SCHOOL "I joined JROTC mostly out of curiosity at first, but now I love the program. I learned leadership, self-discipline and I found a more confident person in myself that I never knew existed. I plan to enlist in the Army next year, JROTC will definitely help because now I go in one rank higher with more pay," Staff Sergeant Amy Hawkins, a sophomore said. "I joined JROTC because I thought it was cool. I wanted to be a soldier when I defended my country. I learned about ranks and discipline. I would like to join the marines. The most interesting thing about JROTC was going on trips," Sergeant Matthew Farmer, a sophomore, said.



FRONT ROW Robert Dominguez, Eddie Roman, Tabatha Maxwell, Micheal Bower, Christina Davies, James Rutledge. **SECOND ROW** Stephanie Lowe, Matthew Farmer, Jason Kish, Nathan White, Vicky Cummings, Jack Hefright, Ryan Brewster, Brandon Refitt, Allen Cobb, Brian Camp. **BACK ROW** Leonard Muhammad, Micheal Wade, Brian Oldham, Eric Eshelman, Benjamin Kirsch, Jason Shreve, Allen Mirr, Richard Reece, Anthony Jones, Thomas Bingham.



On a field trip, juniors Brian Stewart and Nicholas Byrod stand while waiting for instructions. The JROTC went on many field trips and participated in many drill meets. The JROTC also worked security in the parking lot during football games.



From front: Tabatha Maxwell, Stephanie Simons. Second row: Robert Dominguez, Brandon Cotton, Edward Roman, Hope Ewing, Amy Hawkins, Joseph Gomez, Richard Rodriguez. third row: Carrie Doe, James Rutledge, Vicky Cummings, Kellie Harth, Corrie Covelli, Shannon Russum, Joshua Lusco. forth row: Sandra Caudill, Brian Stewart, Ryan Brewster, Brain Camp, Allen Mirr, Thomas Bingham, Jason Kish, Paul Torchia, Eric Eshelman. Back row: Joseph Tarrin, Micheal Schramm Anthony Jones.

JROTC

Tenth Hour

Major John Johnston

President of Student 34

Question: Worked as security at football games, held the colors at football and basketball games, helped at fall homecoming, marched in the Memorial Day parade and the homecoming parades.

Answer: "I joined JROTC because I was seriously thinking about joining the military and I believed it might have helped me out. I have learned to be a leader, how to concentrate on certain things having self-discipline and Marine Corps History. I have been in the JROTC program for three years and I plan on staying in for my final high school year. Then I will go on to the college level ROTC. I am already enlisted in the U.S. Army since January 15, 1998. JROTC helped me out in my drill, keeping focused while doing a task, and could give extra rank. The most interesting thing was going to drill meets in and out of state." E-6 Staff Sergeant Michael Schramm said.

Pep

Band

Manager: Mr. Troy Webdell
Number of Members: 34

Activities: Played at the winter pep rally, performed before and during all varsity home basketball games.

Comments: "We are doing a very good job this year, things are definitely falling into place," Mr. Troy Webdell said.

"There is a lot of hard work required to be in pep band. You have to be willing to practice hard and able to play the music, but all in all, it's fun to be in," junior Peggy Shelton said.

"Pep band is a blast, I like it because you get to be with your friends and the music is also pretty fun to play," senior Keri-Ann Baldrige said.

"Pep band is a good experience. You can do it if you want to have fun. Know how to practice and refer yourself to the third practice room," junior Daniel Fulkerson said.



Back row: Michelle Blank, Tracy Zaganas, Angela Espinoza, Stephanie Reese, Kelly Pokorney, second row: Sarah MacMillan, Lisa Lombardi, Amy Lesko, John Hrisofos, Jeff Williams, Stephen Fejes, Christopher Opolski, back row: Kevin Nush, Brandi Kotuluck, Robert Espinoza, Ethan Hitchcock, Anthony Kozik, Nathan Rubalcava, Kevin Kosovich, Carrie Coleman, Dan Fulkerson, Gerald Fritz.

Pep

Club

Managers: Miss Geri Kotyuk
 Miss Kathy Kotyuk
Number of Members: 56

Activities: Baked for different sports team once a week, made signs for the team if there was a big game coming up, met every Tuesday, held committee chairs for each sports.

Comments: "We have a lot of school spirit, we baked and cheered the team on," sophomore Diane Zenci said.

"Our goal was to make sure other sports, besides football and basketball, get recognized. We did not complete our goal, but we did make progress. I think that it will take a few years before other sports get the spotlight," sophomore Katie Foster said.

"We try to get student involvement to show that we support the teams. We try to show our school spirit," junior Ashley Reynolds said.

"I think we did a nice job of supporting the athletes this year, it's a fun club to be a part of. The athletes seem to appreciate it a lot and thank us," sophomore Katie Kester said.

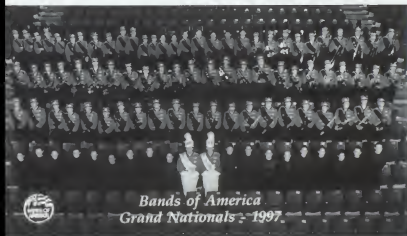


Back row: Elizabeth Bunker, Ashley Reynolds, Mandi Bartok, Piper VanSanten, second row: Ashlie Dehaven, Jennifer Dixen, Robyn Karner, Erin Austgen, Jen Riffle, Katie Foster, Julie Lochmondy, Jennifer Andrews, Stephanie Kuehl, third row: Amanda Pirowski, Stacey Weimer, Krista King, Dionne Gingerich, Cynthia Cochran, Nichole Warwick, Theresa Frechette, Nicole Hall, Marcy Greer, Lisa Torres, Cassandra Pendleton, back row: Jessica Wireman, Valerie Nestoraich, Amy Wright, Katie Kester, Michelle Thompson, Jaclyn Frechette, Diane Zenci, Michelle Batista, Stephanie O'Connor, Amanda Bartok, Jillian Cloyd, Gina Pritchett, Christen Tuttle, Amanda Armenta, Jennifer Vargas, Nicole Robinson.

Performing at a competition at Chesteron on the football field, the marching band performs their middle song, "A Childhood Hymn."

The marching band also performed at most home football games and competed every Saturday. The marching band went to Bands of America in Indianapolis and received a second division rating of a score of 69.





Marching Band

Mr. Troy Webdel

Drum Major Robert Cox

Junior Drum Major Trisha Eastwood

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1997 Grand Champion, Best Music, Top Marching, Best General Effect - Whitko Symphony of Sound, Best Marching, Best General Effect, First Place in Class A - Indiana Tournament of Bands, 1997 Grand Champion, Best Winds, First Place in Class AAA - Highland Marching Band Invitational, First Division Ratings at ISSMA Events, Performed at Disney's Magic Music Days in Orlando, Fla. during spring break 1998.

"We reached our goal at the Highland Invitational," sophomore Tammy Chadwick said. "I like the competition and traveling. It's fun to compete against all of the other bands that are from all over the nation. We went to St. Louis and Indianapolis for Bands of America this year. I also liked the friends that I got to meet on the trips we took," junior Paul Robertson said.

"Our teachers are very dedicated and motivational," senior Robert Cox said.

"Marching Band gives me a challenge, but it's fun," sophomore Diane Zenci said.

"I really enjoy being in marching band because it gives me opportunities that I wouldn't have had without it, like participating in BOA (Bands of America) competition and going to Florida and St. Louis," sophomore Neil Sly said.

"I like meeting all of the different people from all over state at the competitions we have," sophomore Kelly Pokorney said.

Performing "The Star Spangled Banner" Pep band members stand up to show respect. The pep band played before all varsity basketball games to try to pep up the crowd.

1996-1997 Wendy Eastwood, Rochelle Doyle, Kelli Hale, Lindsay Perryman, Sara Thatcher, Heather Golec, Nerissa Robertson, Sarah Eyermann, Vicenta Chagoya, Trisha Eastwood, Robert Cox, Catherine Camery, Kathy Zielinski, Jenny Zielinski, Peggy Shelton, Amanda Pilipovich, Jennifer Abbott, Erin Fitzgerald, Triana Hasselgren, Shamiah Carroll. 1996-1997 Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Gerald Fritz, Kristi Hesselbine, Brandie Kotulock, Matthew Mihalik, Michelle Blank, Rachelle Hood, Brian Johnston, Amy Lesko, Brandon Rainwater, Angie Espinoza, Lisa Lombardi, Meredith Breyfogle, Peggy Lomax, Amanda Hart, Holleah Hitchcock, Jennifer Hinski, Stephanie Reese, Nicole Abbott, Neil Sly, Carrie Coleman. 1996-1997 Jennifer Hallmen, Moises Otero, Kelly Pokorney, Anthony Kosik, Aaron Priest, Jason Ray, Nathan Lubalava, Diane Zenci, Shannon Sandlin, Sara Macmillan, Christopher Sewell, Jefferey Williams, Brian Zingo, Kevin Kosovich, Deborah Lesko, Daniel Fulkerson, Scott Woloanski, Jennifer Litchke, Ethan Hitchcock, Chana Hart, Melissa Fritz, Angel Chavez, Marcus Rainwater, La Cattani. 1996-1997 Craig Stafford, Paul Robertson, Jason Maisonneuve, Matthew Maisonneuve, Jade Burlingame, Danielle Gieselski, Keith Brown, Vince Luk, Joseph Voyer III, Chad Copeland, Joe Holloway, Angela Roberts, Kelly Kirk, Gary Pilipovich, Megan Cleary, Hanna Zych, Erik VanCleave, Kevin Nuah, Christopher Opolski, Stephen Fejes, Katherine Harris, Robert Espinoza, Robert Oakes, Tammy Chadwick, Amy Rivera, Kenneth Cherey, Paul Sinneman, John Ray, Amanda Hise, Erik Carpenter.

Senior Symphony band member Danielle Pickart practices her French Horn during her second mod band class. Pickart has been involved in the band for several years.



Concert Band

Mr. William Timmerman
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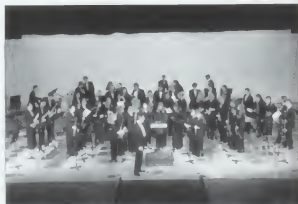
Performed in the Mid-Winter concert, the Christmas concert, the spring concert, the festival went to the ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble and received a first division rating, the band also performed at graduation, some performed with the Concert Orchestra.

"I play the flute and the piccolo, and my goal for this year is to stay in first chair all year, but Concert Band is fun and exciting!" Junior Peggy Shelton said.

"Band teaches you how to be dedicated and take pride in yourself and your abilities. I also like Mr. Timmerman, he is the greatest band teacher," junior Kelli Hale said.

"I have always been interested in music and I felt it was the way to go in order to get more experience on my instrument and meet new people. You learn self discipline, basic knowledge of theory and music appreciation," sophomore Michelle Blank said.

"I'll never forget when we gave Mr. Timmerman the bottle of Rogaine, we all love him, and he needed it!" junior Dan Fulkerson said.



Peggy Shelton, Kristin Danskin, Meredith Breyfogle, Megan Peddington, Kari Snoder, Michele Williams, Michelle Blank, Tracy Zaganas, Amanda Hart, Patricia Dwarie, Kristen Scribner, Tiffany Sherwood, Kelli Hale, Cathy Camery, Marcus Rainwater, Brian Zingo, Deborah Lesko, Chana Hart, Shannon Cronin, Roshelle Doyle, Brandon Rainwater, Lisa Lombardi, Rachel Hood, Jennifer Riffle, Joe Voye, Moises Otero, Chris Elkins, Adam Sholtz, Chris Opolski, Chris Sewell, Sally Derrertine, Amanda Hise, Dan Fulkerson, Kevin Nush, Jason Masineove, Nathan Rubalcava, Aaron Priest, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Mike Buckmaster, Adam Gaines, Amy Rivera, Paul Shinneman, Ethan Hitchcock, Adam Gailer, Vince Lusk, Paul Robertson, Jake Burlingame, Kelly Kirk, Matt Harris, Sabrina Leto, Aaron Flores.



Back Row: Elizabeth Cattani, Amanda Bartok, Robyn Derterline, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Holleah Hirtchcock, Deanna Zych, George Sabo, Elisabeth Ireland, Abigail Kay. **Second Row:** Melissa Lowe, Robert Cox, Ryan Johnston, Diane Zenci, Kristi Hesselstine, Keely Mead, Brian Zingo, Rebecca Reibly, Danielle Pickart, Erin Johnston, Winter Felinski, Trisha Eastwood, Shannon Meyer, Rachel Wilson, Bethany Kane, Martina Malmros. **Third Row:** Mr. Robert Symer, Deborah Leisko, Jeffrey Williams, Amy Zaragoza, Kevin Kosovich, Patricia Muniz, Maegen Wende, Angel Chavez, Leslie Coello, Nicole Strunup, Jessica Wireman, Melissa Fritz, Sarah MacMillan, Steve Fejes, Paul Shineman, Tammy Chadwick, Ken Cheney, John Ray. **Front Row:** Joe Hudson, Kevan Watson, Angela Roberts, Joe Holloway, Elizabeth Bobb.

Symphonic Band

Director: Mr. Robert Symer

School's 1st Season: 41

Seasonal Program: Performed in the Mid-winter

Concert, the Christmas concert, the spring concert, also went to ISSMA contest and received first division ratings, performed in a recruitment concert for kids from Kyle.

Behind the Scenes: "Symphonic Band is always the top organization compiled of Portage High School's finest musicians," director Mr. Robert Symer said. "Having Mr. Symer for four years was a really interesting experience," senior George Sabo said.

"Symphonic Band has enhanced my music ability through the variety of music we have played," junior Sarah McMillan said.

"Symphonic Band has allowed me to play a variety of different music styles in a variety of different instruments," junior Melissa Fritz said.

"I like the variety of music we play including the sight reading of different show tunes," junior Paul Shineman.

"I hope next year at concert we do better," junior Brian Zingo said.



While she looks at her music during class, sophomore Tracy Zaganas plays her clarinet. Zaganas has played the clarinet since her freshman year.

Concert Band members senior Amy Rivera and freshman Ethan Hirtchcock practice their trombones. They also went to the ISSMA competition and received first division ratings.



Looking outward junior Mariassa Sauri looks out while playing the violin during her Symphonic Orchestra class. Sauri has been in the orchestra since her freshman year.

Concert Orchestra

Sponsor: Mrs. Carrie Carlson
President: Victoria Eshelman
Vice President: Chris Rodgers
Secretary: Belinda Myers
Treasurer: Breanna Beike

Membership: 35

Activities: Practicing all the time for upcoming contests, Christmas concert, Going to festival later this year, IMEA-Indiana Music Educator Association in March, ISSMA. As the middle orchestra it is more a preparation and building of techniques, as in shifting positions, using vibrato, and playing in the higher range of the instruments.

Comments: "Orchestra is a lot of hard work and dedication," freshman Breanna Beike said. "I joined to do other activities besides just coming to school." "You have to be dedicated," freshman Vicki Perez said.



Front row: Lisa Stanley, Victoria Eshelman, Kera Brust, Juliana Lach, Victoria Perez, Jennifer Jern. **Second row:** Tiffanee Alumbaugh, Jennifer Biller, Belinda Myers, Veronica Tilley, Nicole Pennington, Irene Trapper, Kathryn Osilzo, John DeFauw, Jennifer Sauri, Thomas Erickson. **Back row:** Mrs. Carrie Carlson, Kristy Gilbert, Danielle Kowczyk, Melissa Misner, Breanna Beike, Crystal Leisner, Jessica Berquist, Jennifer Chubb.



Symphonic Orchestra

Mrs. Carrie Carlson
President Kathryn Pardu
Vice President Joe Rodarte
Secretary Jacob Wood
Treasurer Joseph Bloomfield III

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Participating for the first time both in IMEA-noncompetitive and the ISSMA-state competition, played at the midyear graduation and the adult graduation, played numerous concerts, played at a district wide festival and play a variety of music, they play most any kind of music from Beethoven and jazz to some more modern music.

"People need to audition to play in this orchestra," Mrs. Carrie Carlson said, "There needs to be a lot of outside practicing, and a real desire to play in a group as a team."

"It takes everyone pulling together to succeed," senior Joseph Bloomfield III said. "Symphonic is the highest level achieved at Portage High School. It is considered an honor to be in it," sophomore Richard Banke said.

"It's like an advanced class," freshman Jacob Wood said. "In orchestra the skill level required is much higher and more advanced."

Orchestral instruments are very challenging and they need to be auditioned for," Carlson said.

Joseph Hudson, Danielle Pickart, Elizabeth Cattani, Patricia Munz, George Sabo, Kevan Watson, Angela Roberts, Elizabeth Bobb, Joe Holloway.

Elizabeth Enrico, Erin Ables, Joseph Rodarte, George Burchuk, Cassandra Ogden, Shaina Pelot, Amanda Pitrowski, Tammy Chadwick, Erica Lo. Brian Zingo, Eileen Craighead, Allison Mendez, Jennifer Mesich, Christopher Kanich, James Kallimani, Cheryl Gutzkowski, Amanda Flanagan, Catherine Marsh, Robyn Deterline.

Charles Kuntz, Kevin Wallskog, Ryan Johnston, Erin Johnston, Leslie Coelle, Tressa Sabo, Amanda Pilipovich, Kimberly Ford, James Gilbert II, Kathryn Pardu, Marissa Sauri. Stefanie Iwan, Elizabeth Ireland, Jessica Hoover, Sarah MacMillan, Rich Prouse, Melissa Fritz, Shannon Meyer, Abigail Kay, Erin Abolin, Dawn Piazza, Ashlie DeHaven. Mandy Stanton, Derek Ferguson, Kim Dehoo, Tommy Mitchell, Kenneth Cheney, John Ray, Kevin Kosovich, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Jessica Sandor, Jacob Wood, Richard Banke, Paul Shinneman, Stephen Fejes.



The group of sophomores Cassandra Ogden, James Kallimani and Allison Mendez all practice their music during their concert orchestra class second hour.



Intensely looking at her sheet music is junior Mandy Stanton, began practicing her violin in her symphonic orchestra class. She has been in Orchestra for six years.

Along with his students Mr.

Robert Symer plays the trumpet. Symer also taught the Music Theory class, which focused on the history of music.



Jazz

Band I

Sponsored by Mr. Robert Symer

Number of Members 17

Performed at Bloomington jazz competition, played at ISSMA contest on March 7th at Lowell High and got first division rating. Held a charity concert for the community benefit hospital at the new hospital on April 5th.

Behind the Scenes "We're doing a great job by working hard and making some good music," Mr. Robert Symer said.

"We have had one of the top jazz bands in the state for our whole existence. We pick hard music and play it well," sophomore Joe Bloomfield said.

"It don't mean a thing if it ain't got a swing," junior Paul Shinnamin said.

"There is a lot of work required and you just have to have your music prepared," sophomore Tammy Chadwick said.



front row: Marcus Gilbert, George Sabo, Nicole Startup, Elizabeth Cattanni, Jessica Wireman, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, second row: Joseph Bloomfield, Kevan Watson, Robert Oakes, John Ray, Ken Cheney, Paul Shinneman, Kelly Kirk, Mr. Robert Symer, back row: Deanna Zych, Patricia Muniz, Danielle Pickart, Amy Lesko, Brian Zingo.



From left: Ryan Bull, Jason Ray, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Joseph Voye, Asa Robertson, Erik VanCleeve, Eric Carpenter, Tammy Chadwick, Ethan Hitchcock, Amanda Hise, Mr. Robert Symer, Derek Ferguson, Rebecca Reibly, Kevin Kosovich, Jeffrey Williams, Amy Zaragoza, Sally Detteline.

Jazz

Band II

Mr. Robert Symer

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Held a spring swing concert in commons on May 11, held the annual jazz festival.

"Mr. Symer is great because he pushes you to do your best," sophomore Tammy Chadwick said.

"I like jazz band because we get to play at different places and not just on the stage, junior Brian Zingo said.

"Jazz band is fun, it is a time of day I can calm down and play music I like," sophomore Cameron Kelly-Johnson said.

"Jazz band is cool and fun because you get to play cool music," Kevin Kosovich said.



Practice makes perfect for the jazz band. Not only did the jazz band practice in school they sometimes met before school to practice for competitions.



Shown here is the jazz band II class, which was practicing their music for a concert. The jazz band went to Bloomington to perform in a jazz competition and received a first division rating.

Lab Bands

I & II

Mr. Troy Webdell

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Performed at the Christmas concert, midwinter concert, spring concert, and the band festival, went to the ISSMA competition.

"I like having an extremely energetic teacher like Mr. Webdell. I learned a lot of my scales and that you can work and still have a lot of fun," sophomore Cameron Kelly-Johnson said. "I like Lab Band because Mr. Webdell makes it fun. I learned that just playing notes on paper makes it more exciting if you put feeling into it," sophomore Kelly Pokorney said.

"The music we play is fun and challenging. Lab Band can use some work but it is a lot better than it was. Mr. Webdell is a great director he cares a lot about the students," junior Brian Zingo said.

Most of our music we play is really cool and fun to play. Sometimes Mr. Webdell has his bad days, but overall he is a great conductor," sophomore Roxanne Krieg said.

"Lab band is a very fun experience to be in.

Mr. Webdell is a cool teacher and nice to be around.

I like Lab band because we play fun and cool music, but at the same time it is also challenging," junior Craig Stafford said.

"Lab Band is cool. Mr. Webdell makes it fun and interesting because he jokes around about and really gets into the music. I really enjoy being in lab band but some of the music we play is easy," freshman Stephanie Reese said.



front row: Matt Mihalik, Cindy Baker, Jamie Irvin, Angela Espinoza, Kristin Hutchins, Crista Luchene, Stephany Colunga, Heather Vondracek, Sara Eyermann, Stefanie Reese, Stephanie Ciesielski, *second row:* Wendy Eastwood, Jennifer Hertaus, Gerald Fritz, Stephan Wilson, Jessica Smedley, Megan Cormican, Kelly Pokorney, Lisa Morrisroe, Jennifer Abbott, Ben Johnson, Tony Kozik, Jennifer Hallmen, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Neil Sly, Carrie Coleman, Casey Yasko, Kristen Leon, Holli Owen, Cheryl Lightfoot, Sarah Alsmann, Amanda Jamieson, *third row:* Courtney Keeling, Nicole Parnell, Stephanie Sonaty, Amy Lesko, Sofia Cornejo, Chad Schweizer, Albert Herfield, Honey Paul, Matt Ashford, Scott Wolozanski, Jennifer Lichte, Annette Bartok, Jason Pomaes, Michelle Raupach, John Hrisiofos, Philip Guerre, Brandon Clough, Justin Hampton, Jodi Fields, Bridget Caper, Josh Sater, Aaron Movre, Greg Ciesielski, Adam Sader, Chris Reed, Adam Rogers, Erin Fitzgerald, Nicole Lean, Brandy Catula, Triana Hasselgren, Robert Espinoza, *back row:* Matt Konopasek, Chad Copeland, John Hase, Craig Stafford, Steven Sipich, Joshua McCluskey, Daniel Santana, Joseph Voye, Patrick Jordan, Chris Opolski, Sara Thatcher, Catherine Biancardi.

Preparing for a concert Mr. Troy Webdell conducts as the band practices one of their songs.

The band performed in four concerts and also performed at the band festival at the end of the school year.





At a rehearsal for Lab Band II, sophomore Joe Voye plays the timpani while the band practices. The percussion played an ensemble at the midwinter concert called "The Burning House."

During second hour, sophomore flute players Sarah Alzman and Roxanne Kreig practice their music. For their concerts the Lab Bands I and II would combine to form one big band.



Girls Glee choir members sophomores Emily Henke, Kelly Pokorney, Shannon Sandlin, Rachel Hood, Tara Cardenas, junior Sabrina Leto and sophomore Heather Vondraek rehearse their music. The Girls Glee choir performed at Sears in the Mall.



Concert Choir

Sponsor: Ms. Wendy Riggs
 Conductor: Mr. M. J. Riggs

Concert: Concert choir members performed in the Christmas Concert, Sacred Concert, and the Fall Concert. They also participated in an IHSMA Contest, and put on a festival.

Quote: "You have to be willing to get better and try harder and improve your singing," freshman Angela Magana said. "Many people are really devoted to it but I just enjoy singing."

Quote: "There's not that much you have to do, but what you do have to do you have to do it well," sophomore Natalie Kitchen said.

Quote: "In concert choir in order to get something out of it you have to have respect for others to get respect in return," sophomore Carol Holloway said.

Quote: "Some people don't care, but the ones who do, do try hard so it usually works out all right for everyone," sophomore Tiffany Castagna said.

Quote: "It's hard work, but we enjoy it," sophomore Marina Mendez said.



FRONT ROW: Nicole Zaideman, Megan Van Auker, Tiffany Hagen, Tabitha Lee, Donald Wilson, Christian Miller, Marina Mendez, Tiffany Lee. **SECOND ROW:** April Copas, Natalie Kitchen, Christina Schwei, Elizabeth Wireman, John Hirsosof, Curt Schafer, Heather Golec, Sabrina Leto, Valerie Warner. **THIRD ROW:** Tiffany Mayoch, Tabitha Joselyn, Francis Beck, Brian Sarnowski, Carol Holloway, Tiffany Castagna, Gina Koenemann. **FOURTH ROW:** Devon Lilly, Michelle Bellar, Patricia Snoder, Josh Shope, Jennifer Hallmen, Jennifer Kozik. **BACK ROW:** Stacy Bliff, Cassie Mann, Martina Malmros, Tim Howard, Heidi Smith, Abby Young.



Girls Glee members Shannon Sandlin, Janessa Buckmaster, and Heidi Durkin practice their songs during class time. The choir performed in many concerts throughout the year.



Girls Glee Choir

Director Mrs. Wendy Riggs
Manager J. McManis 30

History Sang at Sears department store in the mall, walked around the school singing Christmas carols for all of the students and faculty, went and sang to the people in the Fountain View Nursing Home.

What do we know? "We got to sing and learn a lot of different music and that's fun," sophomore Shannon Sandlin said.

"We work on music and sight readings to prepare for us for the upcoming contests," sophomore Tara Cardenas said.

"I liked the fact that we got to sing at the mall this year, we gave the customers a nice surprise, and we got to shop!" sophomore Emily Henke said.

"I liked that this year was more challenging. Doing group work, singing fun songs, going to the nursing homes and performing at the mall were all highlights," sophomore Kelly Pokorney said.

Cindy Howard, Shannon Sandlin, Mariol Baumann, Asia Malik, Ivana Torres, Sabrina Leto, Heather Jaques, Heather Vandrack, Alice Farr, Janessa Buckmaster, Rachel Hood, Thresa Nichols, Angela Roberts, Heather Bennet, Kellie Wineinger, Tara Cardenas, Tressa Sabo, Chrystal Greenwell, Caren Lashoy, Krista King, Heidi Durkin, Megan McLeod, Amy Barwig, Emily Henke, Hollie Hufstetler, Misty Coleman, Glodia Tufaga, Valerie Borg, Amanda Hise.

Symphonic Choir

by Wendy Riggs
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Fall Concert, Christmas Concert, Midwinter Concert, Spring Concert, Recruitment Concert, Lenten Service Community Center, competed in division 1 for ISSMA Contest.

Q Sophomore Michelle Blank said, "I'm in choir because I like to sing and I have a decent voice. The hardest parts are trying out for solos and sight reading. The difference between us and other choirs is we have much better sight reading skills."

"We have a lot harder pieces and music than other choirs. We also have a big togetherness. We're like a family. We have a lot of dedication," sophomore Rachel Vallejo said.

"I guess as a singer my feelings about music and how important it is almost unexplainable, because music is an important part of everyone's life. At the risk of sounding cheesy it's almost like food for the soul," senior Stephanie Sulcer said.



Back row: Michelle Blank, Cassie J. Hendon, Rachel M. Vallejo, Troy Alford, Craig Golbesky, Stephanie A. Sulcer, Erana Torres, Rhonda Woodke. **Second row:** Heather Kilgore, Kris Hasselgren, Andrea Skafish, Jessie McKee, Jay Fields, Robert Oakes, Megan Cleary, Michelle Hostetler. **Third row:** Julie Lochmondy, Emily Craighead, Tiana Lugo, Brian Zingo, Dale Fancher, Rhonda McQueary, Megan Nelson, Stefanie Ragon. **Front row:** Tizsa Kornafel, Jessica Becke, Deanna Zych, Nick Rodgers, Jim Crowley, Stephanie Smock, Keri Ann Baldrige, Kimberly Kehoe.

The Cavaliers show their dance moves at their Midwinter Concert. They had several practices during and after school to prepare for their concerts.



Adorned in their new red, white and black robes, Symphonic Choir sings for a large audience. Music Boosters provided the new robes for them.





Choraliers

Wendy Riggs

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Sang in the Fall Concert, Christmas Concert, Midwinter Concert, Spring Concert, Performed at Mayor's dinner, Portage Exchange Club, Elementary schools, Sacred Concert, Show Choir Competition, Performed for Odgen Dunes Prime-timers.

Sound the Signal "Choraliers is a really fun class, we get to combine singing and dancing. This is also the first year we are doing solo and ensemble," senior Kristen Hasselgren said.

"It's a really close knit group that loves being together. The times we've shared this year will always be memorable," junior Jason Fields said.

Striking a pose, the choraliers finish their very energetic performance. Choraliers incorporate singing, dancing and costumes into their shows for a more musical-like performance.

Photo by— Curt Shaffer, Krista King, Troy Alford. Photo by— Rachel Vallejo, Deanna Zych, Craig Golbesky, Kristen Hasselgren, Jason Fields, Sara Crowley, Cassandra Hendon.

The varsity team huddles together to get pumped up to play against Merrillville. In the team's first game against Merrillville they lost, 2-3. At the next game the team defeated Merrillville, 5-2. The teams record was 5-24.

Varsity team pitcher, senior Christopher Nelson, pitches to a member of the Crown Point team. Nelson's pitching record for the season was 1-3. Despite the teams efforts they were unable to beat Crown Point and lost, 3-6.



trying times

The players leave the field with their heads hanging in disappointment. The team tried its best to defeat its opponent but were unsuccessful. Even though the members tried their best during the season they were unable to achieve their goals. "With a season record of 5-24 the team was pretty disappointed and we wish we would have done better," senior Brent Ksenak said.

The boys' baseball team practiced everyday from 3 p.m.-5:30p.m. "We mostly practiced hitting, fielding, and also base running," Ksenak said. Some members of the team tried to make it as far as possible.

"Next year will be better, because baseball is fun no matter what type of season we have," sophomore Matt Mahns said. The team continued even though they were on a losing streak. The team members thought that they could have

The varsity baseball team battled its way through its season, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

written by Jamie Wells
designed by Meredith Braylogie

done better. "We could have done better, but we are a young team and we should be better next year, but baseball is still fun no matter what type of season we have good or bad," Mahns said. Most of the team was experienced with at least 6-10 years of baseball. Overall the team had fun according to Brent Ksenak.

Even though the team had a tough season they still had fun. "I really like hitting it is something I am pretty good at and it is fun," Mahns said. Although, the team didn't do as well as they thought they should.

"Every game we played, we went out onto the field with our heads high hoping to improve every step of the way, however, we were mentally defeated and rarely played the game as well as we should have," junior Mike Ramian said.

baseball

	Home-opp
Lake Central	1-11
Lake Central	2-3
Lake station	4-1
Munster	8-1
Crown Point	3-6
Laporte	1-6
Boone Grove	4-5
Boone Grove	6-11
Robert	4-10
Merrillville	2-3
Chesterton	2-8
Kankakee Valley	5-6
Michigan City	4-2
Valparaiso	3-15
Hammond/Golf	5-9
Hammond/Golf	3-4
Crown Point	4-6
LaPorte	2-5
Merrillville	5-2
Nobart	2-3
Chesterton	0-9
Highland	5-15
Anderson	2-12
Michigan City	0-8
South Bend St. Joseph	11-12
Valparaiso	0-12
Hammond/Golf	1-2
Hammond/Morton	4-3
Valparaiso	3-9

season record
5-24



baseball varsity

first row: Christopher Nelson, Christopher Hicks, Brent Ksenak, David Niloff. second row: Kevin McGuffey, Micheal Ramien, Blake Wiseman, Michael Bornstein, William Parnell, Jeremy Leonard. third row: Mr. Tom Levandoski, Luke Fogle, Jeffery Evans, Matthew Mahns, Derrick Weidnaar, Andrew Drake, Mr. Larry Drake.

Leading off first base, senior Blake Wiseman is ready for a hit. Wiseman was the captain of the baseball team and has been playing for four years. Wiseman hopes to play baseball in college.

Down on his knee, the catcher, sophomore Eric Richie, bends low and waits for the pitch to reach him. Richie was the Junior Varsity starting catcher.

baseball junior varsity

	Home - opp
Lake Station	9-1
Crown Point	5-8
LaPorte	3-6
Morgan Township	5-6
Merrillville	1-8
Chesterton	6-5
Michigan City	12-1
River Forrest	14-1
LaPorte	4-14
Crown Point	5-4
Rain	5-9
Michigan City	11-10
Hobart	8-10
Chesterton	0-3
Andean	6-7
Michigan City	6-5
South Bend	7-3
Lake Central	2-3
Valparaiso	0-10

season record
8-0-11



With a full swing, sophomore Randon Lingenfelter connects with the ball during his baseball game against Crown Point.



baseball junior varsity

front row: Eric Richie, Carlos Escabalezeta, Daniel Dally, Rueben Alicea. second row: Reid Amores, John Durfee, James Leon, Mark Wiseman, Brain Lewandowski, Randon Lingenfelter, Shannon O'Connor. back row: Dustin Vriska, James Oliver Jr., Ricky Martin.



baseball freshman

front row: Jeffrey Metz, Seth Britton, Robert Holtzman, Benjamin Simon, Christopher Burch, Asa Robertson. second row: David Klimczyk, Derek Boksa, Lucas Zorick, John Vucko, Adam Higgins, Jacob Cunningham, Jacob Fadel. back row: Coach Bob Wishevski, Daniel Santana, Bryan Robinson, Bryan Dixon, James Ramirez, Stephan Shearer, Genise Britton, Basil Robertson.

Practice pays off

Playing on the Varsity
team is most boys'
dream but like most
people they need to
start at the bottom.

written by Kim McIsaac
designed by Elizabeth Ballena

Play hard, work hard, and practice, practice, practice. These boys may not be on the varsity team, but they have to work hard to make it next year. For most of these boys, moving up to varsity was an obtainable goal, but first they had to show what they could do at the Junior Varsity and Freshman level.

The J.V. and Freshman baseball teams may not have received much attention from fans or media, but that did not bother them. They just went out on the field and gave it everything they had. Most of them have several years of experience playing baseball. "I've been playing since I was seven years old," said sophomore Mark Wiseman.

Even though they had years of experience, that did not always mean winning. "We didn't do so well, we should have won more games," Wiseman

said. The Junior Varsity team finished its season with 9 wins and 18 losses, and in the Duneland Athletic Conference the team finished with a record of 5-11. Like most teams there was always speculation as to why the team lost. "The team did not get along, which was probably the reason why we lost a lot of our games," sophomore Mike Durfee said.

Even if a team gets along, sometimes it is not enough.

Playing like a team is the most important thing that has to happen. "We finished third in the LaPorte Tournament and fourth in the Valparaiso Tournament," Coach Reid Amores said.

After the hard work came some fun. "I had a lot of fun, but it would have been a lot better if we would have played like a team and won more games," sophomore Randon Lingenfelter said. Next year's improvement will be a key issue for the team.



On the mound, sophomore Dustin Vrka gets his signal from his catcher and gets set to throw the pitch. The Junior Varsity team consisted mainly of sophomores.

Down in the dirt, sophomore Dan Dally slides home and is safe to score a run against Crown Point. The team lost this game to Crown Point with a score of 5-8.



basketball varsity

front row: Kimberly Hendley, Cheryl Buergler, Gretchen Circle, Jennifer Fekete. second row: Coach John Soliday, Erin Jedlikowski, Natalie Yudi, Kelly Rich, Jamie Komacki.

Ready to shoot a free throw is sophomore Michelle Pickering. The girls' varsity team finished up their season with 12 wins and seven losses.



basketball varsity

	Home-opp
Highland	33-54
Lew. Wallace	71-35
East Chicago Central	44-33
Crown Point	48-52
Kankakee Valley	70-51
Merrillville	52-45
Twin Lakes	42-46
Western	56-62
South Bend	56-30
Hobart	53-47
Munster	42-40
Andrean	58-64
Valparaiso	40-64
Lake Station	63-19
Michigan City	52-38
Lafayette	71-45
Chesterton	37-41
Penn	53-50
Northwood	68-56

season record
12-7

dunking their opponents

The freshman girls'
made their way on to the
varsity basketball
team.

Written by Jennifer Kanzer & Jamie Wolfe
Designed by Stephanie Gachura

Reaching toward the new WNBA, the girl's varsity basketball team realized that basketball is no longer just a man's sport.

In a successful season, the girls' varsity basketball team finished, 12-7.

Sectionals gave the girls two additional victories. With three freshman moving up to the varsity team for extra help, the varsity team had its own uniqueness.

Freshman Lauren Hensen, Erica Mendez and Jamie Lewis joined the varsity team this year. "The girls accepted us because we knew a lot of them before from the PYB (Portage Youth Basketball),"

freshman Jamie Lewis said.

But, every girl, no matter what age or grade, put in the hours. Practices were held from 3-5 p.m. every weekday. They worked on anticipating moves and making difficult shots count. "We put a lot of time in. Some practices were hard and we did a lot of running and drills. But it was pretty easy after the running," Lewis said.

The girls strived to have a good season this year. They had their good games, but they also had their bad. "I think this season went well. We had some big wins. I just wish we could have gone farther," junior Jennifer Fekete said.

Motivating one another before the game, the girls varsity basketball team huddles together. The basketball team would huddle together before the game to help get them pumped up to play.



The Junior varsity team encourages Jamie Lewis before she goes back out to help score the team points. Lewis also played on the varsity team and plans on going out for the basketball team again.



Setting up the next play during a time out, junior varsity head coach Mr. Steve Macaitis tries to fire up the freshman team by giving them a pep talk. This was Macaitis' first year as a coach.



basketball junior varsity

front row: Stephanie Price, Stephanie Williams, Rachel Torres, Erica Mendez. back row: Stephanie Lowe, Lauren Hansen, Coach Leslie Cashmore, Amanda Autrey, Jamie Lewis.



basketball freshmen

front row: Melissa Staples, Katherine Oslizo, Heather Elkins, Lauren Benson, Bridget Spurgeon, Cheryl Lightfoot, Casey Dixon. back row: Rebecca Rodriguez, Stephanie Ciesielski, Lynn Ewen, Krister Leon, Coach Steve Macaitis, Jessica Smedly, Ashley Safstrom, Angel Shields, Christina Chase.

shooting for stars

Usually, experience

is key to success. The freshman team came from Egely and Willowcreek middle schools to play on the same side for the first time.

Although, the junior varsity team was in the almost the same scenario as last year, they had less success. Many players, however, knew what to expect from the experience they had the previous year.

"The team improved immensely. We were a real good team, but we just didn't win as much as I hoped," freshman Katherine Osizlo said. The team practiced from 3-5 p.m., six days a week.

Every JV and freshmen player had their good days and bad days. "Sometimes we didn't do too well, but other days we could be real good," Osizlo

**Both Freshman and JV
charged through to the
DAC and Sectionals and
ended their seasons
against Laporte.**

written by Jamie Wolfe
designed by Danielle Gatzert

said. Freshman mostly dominated the JV spots.

The JV team ended with a season record of 6-8. "We were a little rough at first but once we got it going we worked real well together," freshman Rachel Torres said.

The freshman season ended 10-3. "I think we did pretty good, and we got better every game," freshmen Bridgette Spurgeon said.

The freshman and junior varsity team played 13 games this season. "The games were exciting for me because we could always come back no matter how low our score was," Spurgeon said.

Overall the team members did their best to achieve most of their goals for this season and have hopes for next.

"Next year I hope we get to State finals," freshman Erica Mendez said.

basketball junior varsity

Home-opp

East Chicago Central	29-18
Hammond Morton	32-38
East Chicago Central	35-28
Crown Point	30-50
Kankakee Valley	40-24
Merrillville	45-25
Hobart	34-19
Munster	44-34
Chesterton	22-24
Penn	20-50
Andean	31-44
Valparaiso	38-51
Lake Station	40-15
Laporte	30-33

season record

6-8

basketball freshmen

Home-opp

Lowell	31-24
East Chicago Central	50-49
Bishop Noll	39-24
Michigan City	35-17
Highland	30-18
Merrillville	39-27
Andean	35-24
Muster	20-21
Hobart	35-33
Lake Central	36-34
Valparaiso	24-32
Griffith	32-33
Laporte	29-22

season record

10-3

Freshman junior varsity player, Rachel Torres dribbles the ball down the court. Torres was one of the three freshmen to play on the junior varsity team.





Intently watching the game
junior Ryan Fisher, George
Murrow and senior Andy
Drake talk about their plays.
Team players often sit on the
sidelines and discuss their
future strategies.



As the goes for the lay-up in the
games' final seconds, junior
George Murrow causes
distressed looks on the faces of
the Hobart Brickies. Murrow
played basketball his freshman
year as well as in middle
school.



basketball varsity

front row: John Durr, George Murrow, Matthew Welches, Michael
Martinez. back row: Michael Kramer, Ryan Fisher, Kevin Stout,
Coach Steve Bartos, Coach Greg Fischer, Coach Jay Hodges, Scot
Wilson, Tony Racich, Andrew Drake, Vance Carlin.



varisty slam dunks

The boys' basketball
team showed its
determination during
their games.

written by Jelle Sokol
designed by Jennifer Kaloer

As the team prepared for its upcoming season they thought that this year would be the year that they would make it to state. Despite the teams efforts they ended their season with a losing record of 5-7.

In order to improve their skills and prepare most of them for their games, the basketball team had practiced many drills every day for at least two hours in the main gym. Many of the team members didn't like the grueling practices, but felt they were beneficial "I don't really like the hard practices, but they pay off," sophomore Kevin Luellman said.

Along with the tough practice, some team members felt that they could not have succeeded without their coaches. The coach, Mr. Greg

Fischer, has been the basketball coach for several years. He was able to lend his experience to the team. "Our coach really knows what he's doing," Luellman said. The team finished with a 0-3 record for the Duneland Athletic Conference this year, and ended its season 5-7. "This was a tough season in which we improved a lot, but the entire team, including myself, feel there is room for more improvement for next season," sophomore Matt Welches said. Though the season, injuries of some of the players may have set the basketball team back. Injuries such as broken bones and twisted ankles caused the teams progress to continue slowly. Despite this, many team members look forward to next season with high hopes.

Blocking the shot, Hobart Brickets try to stop senior Michael Martinez. Martinez was among the few basketball players who played for both varsity and junior varsity.

basketball varsity

	Home - opp
Chesterton	52-26
Michigan City	46-59
Penn	38-49
Calumet	60-52
Lake Station	56-31
Lake Central	43-55
Hammond	44-46
Valparaiso	47-63
Michigan City	50-61
Crown Point	54-72
Kankakee Valley	45-40
Valparaiso	56-65

season record 5-7

shooting for victory

The junior varsity and
freshman basketball
teams develop unity as
well as team strategy.

written by Julie Sokol
designed by Jennifer Kabeer

basketball junior varsity

	Home-opp
Chesterton	36-23
Hobart	45-47
Penn	38-42
Calumet	61-43
Lake Station	48-27
Lake Central	46-57
Hammond	45-23
Crown Point	19-41
Kankakee Valley	51-50
Valparaiso	50-49

season record
6-4

As the team makes its way to the court, they wonder whether they'd win or lose. For most of this year's season the teams came away winners, but there were those few games where the teams best effort just was not enough and the team would be defeated.

The freshmen and junior varsity teams ended their seasons with more victories than losses. It would not have been possible without the coaches and all of the extra time they put in preparing them. "They push us really hard to be good, and I'm glad they gave me a chance," junior Dave Solrys said.

To some players, the hard work during practices seemed to pay off. The freshmen "A" team

won the Ben Franklin Tournament for the third year in a row.

"I think we had a pretty good season, we tried our best," sophomore Mike Oslizlo said. Teamwork which also played an important role for both the junior varsity and freshmen teams. They learned how to use teamwork both on and off the basketball court. "I think we all got along really well,"

Solrys said.

Some players felt the same way about the team. "It's kind of sad to see the season come to an end. I had a lot of fun just being with the guys and the memories will last forever. We made a great team because we worked hard together," Oslizlo said.

During a junior varsity game against Hobart, sophomore Xavier Mendez charges for the basket. Despite their effort, the team lost to Hobart, 45-47.





During a freshmen game against Valparaiso, Nick Mayerik goes for a lay-up. The freshmen teams had to have two different teams, the "A" team and the "B" team, because of the large amount of players. There was a total of 26 players on the team.

basketball freshmen 'A'

Home - opp

Michigan City	27-28
Lowell	44-12
Highland	38-34
Lake Central	52-54
LaPorte	52-44
Munster	45-58
Chesterton	32-30
Valparaiso	40-31
Kankakee Valley	56-30
Merrillville	38-41
Crown Point	41-25
LaPorte	40-38
Chesterton	46-29
Boone Grove	53-36
East Chicago	48-41

season record

11-4

basketball freshmen 'B'

Home - opp

Michigan City	40-53
Hobart	40-32
Lowell	32-13
Highland	42-18
Lake Central	27-49
LaPorte	30-45
Munster	38-22
Mishawaka	52-26
Chesterton	46-41
Valparaiso	30-54
Kankakee Valley	42-19
Merrillville	33-38
Crown Point	30-29
Bishop Noll	54-40

season record

9-5

In a junior varsity game against Hobart, junior Dave Soltyz and freshman Mike Taylor play defense. The junior varsity team finished the season, 6-4.



basketball freshmen

front row: Nick Mayerik, Danny Rodriguez, Colin Highlands, Richard Barajas, Patrick Highlands, Kevin Jones. second row: Jamie Hazzard, Dennis Trafny, Mark Korba, Akem Clark, Ben Simon, Bobby Holtzman, Josh Elkins, Brandon Parks. third row: Lisa Stanley, Justin Phillips, Garland Henderson, Bryan Dixon, Tom Erickson, Brian Beach, Adam Higgins, Ian Mathers. back row: Coach Scott Micklo, Scott Knutsen, Jake Parker, Pete Borcz, Scott Swanson, Angelo Papachronis, Mike Moon, Coach Reid Amones.



basketball junior varsity

front row: Brandy Ebling, Michelle Hodges, Ryan Wall, Steve Samuel, Xavier Mendez, Darryl Henson, Christina Hodges. back row: Coach Greg Fisher, Chris Hicks, Mike Taylor, Ben Kirish, Coach Steve Baros, Coach Jay Hodges, Mike Osizlo, Dave Soltyz, Kevin Luellman, Bryan Homan, Vance Carlin.



cheerleaders varsity

front row: Valeree Nestorovich, Krista King, Erin Austgen, Ashley Reynolds, Robyn Karner, Stacey Wymer. back row: Dionne Gingerich, Cyndi Cochran, Jessica Wireman, Piper Van Santen, Mandi Barrok, Jennifer Riffle.



pomSquad

front row: Amanda Pirowski, Jackie Frechette, Nicole Warwick, Ashlie Dehaven, Heather Jaques, Cassie Pendleton, Jennifer Dixon. back row: Coach Ingram, Michelle Batista, Elizabeth Bunker, Tessie Frechette, Nicole Hall, Marcy Greer, Coach Shiozaki.



freshmen cheerleaders

front row: Christen Tuttle, Anni Barok, Jillian Cloyd, Gina Pritchett. second row: Stephanie Kuehl, Stephanie Ciesielski, Jennifer Vargas. back row: Nicole Robinson, Amanda Armenta, Ashley Safstrom.



cheerleaders junior varsity

front row: Julie Lochmorny, second row: Katie Foster, Katie Kester, Jennifer Andrews. back row: Lisa Torres, Diane Zenci, Michelle Thompson, Amy Wright.



Lifters

front row: Joe Martus, Johnny Lewis.

Varsity Cheerleader, Jennifer Riffle, is hoisted into the air by Robyn Karner and Krista King during one of the many basketball games they cheered at. The cheerleaders tried to motivate the crowd by making them involved in the cheers.



Backing our athletes

With enthusiasm in their voices and looks of determination on their faces, the cheerleading squad pumps up the crowd and cheers the team on for a victory.

Team work was an important aspect of cheerleading. Working together was crucial to the squads success. Every Tuesday and Thursday when the cheerleading squad practiced, they worked on

mounts, sideline dances, cheers and chants with each other. The squad always tried to reach higher levels of achievement.

"I think we achieve a lot of our goals and we are improving tremendously every year," junior Robyn Karner said. All of this practice paid off at the games when they saw the looks on the crowd as they helped cheer the team on to a victory. "It's always a challenge. There is always something new to accomplish," sophomore Diane Zenci, mem-

As the cheerleading
squad encourages the
girls team, as well as
the boys, they learn to
work together.

written by Jamie Wolfe
designed by Jennifer Kaiser

bers of the junior varsity squad said. chants, and positions to be in and when. It was hard for some people, but for others it was simple. "I suck it up and deal with it because tomorrow is another day," Zenci said.

As the cheerleading squad cheered on team after team, sport after sport, they did not only learn cheers, chants, dances and mounts, most importantly, they learned to work together as a team. "We are improving all the time, as the season progresses we work together more," Zenci said.

The job of cheering stressed out some team members. At times the task of learning the cheers, chants and positions could be frustrating. "I am in another sport and this helps me take out all my frustrations of daily stress," Karner said. For others it relieved stress from other activities. Cheerleaders had to work on remembering all of the cheers,

chants, and positions to be in and when. It was hard for some people, but for others it was simple. "I suck it up and deal with it because tomorrow is another day," Zenci said.

The crowd is loaded with spirit, as the varsity cheerleaders lead them in a cheer. The cheerleaders performed at both girls and boys games this year.

While performing the halftime show cheerleaders and poms had routines loaded with lifts and tosses. The girls caught each other along with the help of the two male lifters.



As the race begins the team sticks together with junior Jeffery Zeha leading the pack. Zeha advanced to state and placed fifth in the mile run. The team overall placed 19th in the state.

Cross country varsity/junior varsity

	Home-opp
Penn Hokum Karem	second
Lake Central	18-45
Rebel Invite	first
Merrillville	21-38
Carmel Invite	first
Crown Pt./La Porte/N. Pr.	15-49
New Prane Invite	fourth
Mich. City/Chesterton	first
Culver Invite	first
Hobart	15-49
Valparaiso	27-30
Manchester Invite	third
Dac Meet	first
JV at Chesterton	20-42
Sectional at VU	first
Regional at New Prairie	second
Semi-state at New Prairie	second
State at Indy	19th

dual meet record
9-0



After a race, junior Michael Griffith catches his breath. Griffith has also been a distance runner on the track team since his freshman year.



Keeping his cool sophomore Darryl Henson works his way to the finish line. Henson has been on the cross country team for two years.

running through obstacles

The hours of practice the boys cross country team put paid off. The cross country team kept the perfect record that they have had for the past twenty years and they made it to the state meet. The team even place 19th in the state meet.

The boys' cross country team had to practice in many adverse conditions as the seasons changed, from the summer heat to the fall breezes and even into the beginning cold winds of winter. They prepared for meets by running several miles after school and on their own time. Before meets, most runners had to prepare themselves mentally as well as physically in order to earn their highest individual and team scores.

Thanks to all the teams preparations and determination, the members felt that all their practices were worth the effort in the long run when they were able to come home with a victory. "A big positive this year was winning conference, then crushing Valparaiso back to back," sophomore Daniel Nemeth said.

Boys cross country

team keeps up their

expectations and their

tradition of advancing to

state.

written by Chris Mihai
designed by Elizabeth Bottani

Duneland Athletic conference and make it to the state meet," Coach Bill Wilke said. The boys cross country has qualified for state every year since 1977, well before most of this teams' players were born.

Some of the team had a little uncertainty on how well their fellow teammates would do at their competitions. "The older guys really helped out the freshman this year," Nemeth said. Wilke feels the same. "This is the team for the future and they're running the right path for success."

The team began the season ranked sixth in the state; however, their ranking changed several times. At one point, the team was ranked first in state, but dropped to third the same week.

Despite the teams up and down in their rankings, most of the team kept their spirits up and aspirations high in their minds. "Our goal for this season was to win the



Cross country

front row: Darryl Henson, Michael Chandler, Dennis Trafny, Robert Charbonneau, Daniel Nemeth. second row: Jeffery Zeha, Michael Griffith, Enrique Fontanez III, Michael Taylor, Jason Taylor, Timothy Mulvihill, Steven Samuel. back row: Coach Chuck Heimberg, Matthew Cronch, Adam Higgins, Michael Halaschak, Joseph Bailey, Sean Hannon, Thomas Erickson, Mike Zonder, Coach Bill Wilke.

Making his way to the finish line, freshman Adam Higgins tries to pass another runner. Higgins was one of the many freshmen on the team this year.

crossing over the barrier

The racers tell their adrenaline pumping as they step up to the line. The tension between opponents is as thick as the chilly air. With the coming of fall, the girls' cross country team ran its way to both victory and defeat.

The team was coached by Mr. Jay White who helped lead the team all the way to a third place finish at state the previous year. The girls cross country team ended its season at the semi-state meet and placed sixth overall. "Our goal was to get past where we were last year," junior Candace Crockett said.

With all they accomplished, the runners continued to practice just as hard for the semi-state meet at New Prairie as they did during the regular season. Although they did not make their way to

**The girls' cross country
team advances to Semi-
State, places sixth
overall.**

written by Missy Bedrows
designed by Christina Barajas

state because of surgery on her heels. Senior Natalie Fornari suffered a pulled hamstring and junior Jackie Frechette had a severely twisted ankle.

Besides having injuries and obstacles to overcome, the girls had team goals on their minds. Some even had individual goals of their own, which included breaking personal best times and out running the local rivals.



Side by side, sophomore Julie Thomas and her opponent set the pace for the other runners. The girls' cross country team ended its season at regionals where the team placed third.

Rounding the corner, freshman Sance Ibrahim leads some of her teammates through the course. The girls ran at the Rebel Invite, and finished the season 6-1.





cross country

front row: Jamie Wolfe, Jillian Guth, Elizabeth Munoz, Janene Ibrahim, Sance Ibrahim, Amy Lochmondy. second row: Erica Mendez, Bridgette Spurgeon, Jaclyn Frechette, Tara Simmons, April Akins, Katie Wampler, Becky Siminski, Emily Kirk. third row: Michelle Vaught, Carrie Rake, Julie Thomas, Candace Crockett, Susie Fogle, Lauren Niemcewicz, Kristen Danskin, Ilsa Conover, Nikki Warwick, Coach Jay White. back row: Theresa Frechette, April Samuels, Monica Essig, Natalie Fornari.

Taking a rest, junior Jeanene Ibrahim counts on fellow teammate, junior Nicole Warwick, for support. Ibrahim ran an estimated two and a half mile race at the Rebel Invite where they placed third.

cross country

Penn-Hokum Karem	Home-ood
Rebel Invite	third
Cornet Classic	fourth
Crown Point	19-4
LaPorte	22-33
New Prairie	15-48
New Prairie Invite	seventh
Chesterton	39-16
Michigan City	23-32
Vaporato	1-4
DAC	second
Sectionals	second
Regionals	third

season record **6-1**

Running toward the finish line, senior Natalie Fornari tries to end the two and a half mile race, which took the runners up and down hills and through trails. Fornari had been on the cross country team since her freshman year.

A block by senior Joshua Davis allows his teammate senior Joseph Tinnel to make an offensive play. The varsity football team ended 6-4.

varsity football

	Home-opp
East Chicago Central	55-30
Lake Central	28-21
Hobart	14-28
Merrillville	21-31
Crown Point	7-21
Michigan City	42-6
Valparaiso	7-21
LaPorte	42-14
Sectionals	54-6
	15-14

season record

6-4



varsity football

front row: Jason Shewmaker, Jordan Myers, Matt Francis, Robert Tugurian, Shaun Connelly, Fred Joseph, Marc Tarpley, Anthony Peete. second row: Joseph Martus, Bryon Riley, Joshua Davis, Marc Samardzija, Benjamin Kirish, Thomas Bialata, Matthew Erickson, Jeffery Evans, Scott Riley, Zachary Garner. third row: Manager Neil Sly, Manager Michelle Vottero, Manager Jody Zeese, Coach Terry Milner, Coach Steve Livingston, Coach Ken Ellwood, Coach Craig Bures, Coach Pete Turpa, Coach Jeffery Smith, Coach Dave Mattix, Athletic Trainer Dan Merrill. fourth row: Jason Robbins, Kevin McGuffey, Brandon Hughes, Brian Camp, Keith Winiewski, Bruce Campbell, Blake Wiseman, Adam Alaniz, Aaron Caylor, Manager Vance Carlin. fifth row: Kristopher Replin, Thomas Whiteside, Dennis Shae, David Fadely, Paul Baum, Chad Ellenson Smolar, Brandon Cotton, Thomas Pappas, Jason Martinez, Matwe Crizer, Jeffery During. sixth row: Nicholas Wayne, Johnny Lewis, Tod Griffey, James Sullivan, Moises Cordon III, Dale Fancher III, James Oliver III, Eric Reynolds, Joseph Hall, Daniel Lewis. back row: Jonathon Hase, Eric Erway, Joseph Tinnel, Jason Ayala, Luke Fogle, Frank Montoleone, Christopher Smolnicki, Timothy Lewandowski, Anthony Sobczak, David Torres, Ryan Korbar.

Looking back, junior Nick Wayne waits to throw the ball to a running back. Wayne has played football since his freshman year.

The frontline tackles the Crown Point quarterback as he attempts to pass the ball. This was also the homecoming game the Mr. Football was Timothy Lewendowski and the queen was Natalie Huffman.



focusing on goals

As the Indians walk off the field in disappointment after losing the sectional game, they listen as the crowd cheers for them even though they've been defeated. Even though the Indians had a hard season the fans stuck by them.

Some football players enjoyed the excitement involved in football. "I love the competition and being able to hit someone as hard as you can and being complimented on it, instead of being yelled at," senior Johnny Lewis said.

However, football was not as easy as some people thought. Players went through days of hard work. They conditioned and practiced Monday through Thursday 3-6:30 p.m. Practices helped players to better their skills. "I think we played pretty good. We kept getting better week after week," sophomore Jason Ayala said.

The teams goal this year was to go all the way to state, but that wasn't how the season turned out.

Written by Julie Sokol
Designed by Amanda Manquai

Players looked at Coach Craig Buzea not only as a leader, but as someone they could turn to in times of need. "Coach Buzea is a really good coach and he is someone you can talk to as a friend," Lewis said.

Although games came and went, players still remembered highlights about some of their best moments

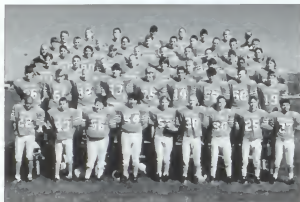
during the season. "My most memorable game was against East Chicago Central because it was my first varsity start and I scored two touchdowns and a two point conversion," sophomore Matthew Erickson, tight end, said.

Some fans showed their support for the football team by sitting through cold weather. "I loved going to the games to cheer on the team. I think they did awesome and tried their best" sophomore Tabatha Maxwell said.



The defensive unit engages in a pile up, tackling a Crown Point player who had possession of the ball. Although they lost to Crown Point during the regular season, they advanced to sectionals. In the first sectional game they lost to Valparaiso, 7-21.

Approaching at the line of scrimmage, freshman quarterback Kevin Jones attempts to throw the ball down field to one of his wide receivers against Merrillville. The freshman football team lost to Merrillville 20-50.



freshmen football

front row: Dante Carter, Carlo Ernande, Albert McCorkle, Dan Counts, Joshua McCluskey, Adam Cunningham, Brock Slowik, Chris Edmonds, Dan Costa. second row: Edward Persin, Grant Crizer, Kris Hardaway, Christopher Voynovich, Jacob Faddy, Casey Gutierrez, Matt Cates, Matt Scheuer, Kevin Jones. third row: Stephen Fejes, Josh Bochik, Dave Klimczyk, Nick Mayerik, James Gray, Bobby Holtzman, Paul Henderson, Akem Clark, Kevin Nash. fourth row: Coach Larry Tharp, Gabriel Lopez, James Ramirez, Anthony Vottero, Clayton Greenwell, John Vogt, Jacob Cohen, Craig Hendley, Jeff Metz, Armando Sado. fifth row: John Vucko, Paul Moore, Mitchell Sims, Brandon Parks, Lucas Zorick, Brooks Sayer, Nathan Ritchie, Bryan Dixon, Mitchell Vance, John James. back row: Coach Tim O'Shea, Matthew Semernzski, Hunter McKee, Jonathan Caldwell, Nick Christian, Angelo Papachronis, James Hazzard, Coach Brett St. Germain.



football junior varsity

	Home-opp
East Chicago Central	44-0
Lake Central	28-6
Hobart	6-12
Merrillville	19-26
Crown Point	35-6
Christian	6-7
Michigan City	24-13
Valparaiso	38-7
LaPorte	28-14

season record
6-3

football freshmen

	Home-opp
East Chicago Central	41-8
Lake Central	14-0
Hobart	30-16
Merrillville	20-50
Crown Point	27-16
Valparaiso	26-20
Christian	16-14
Michigan City	46-14
LaPorte	34-6

season record
8-1

pride, hustle, defense

**Junior varsity,
freshman teams battle
their way through the
warpath to victory.**

written by Kim McBoe & Jennifer Kainer
designed by Christina Barajas

After battling the hot sun in the summer and the after school practices the team showed that the work paid off. Both the junior varsity and the freshman football teams ended their season successfully junior varsity's record was 6-3 and freshman was 8-1.

Hustle, pride, courage, and adrenaline were the keys to the successful football season. Hustle and determination came in during the practices. "We practice Monday through Saturday, from 3:10 until about 6:45, 7:30 at the latest," junior Jeff During said. "We even have a summer camp in August that runs from 6 a.m. in the morning until about 4 p.m. in the afternoon, sometimes longer."

Playing as a team, working on plays, correct-

ing mistakes and discussing what had to be done was a big part of being on the team.

"We had an 8-1 record, so we did very good," said freshman team captain, Hunter McKee, "but we should have beat Merrillville and gone 9-0." The junior varsity and freshman teams finished their seasons with winning records, some felt that they could have done better. "I think we

should of done a lot better," sophomore Jason Shewmaker said. "We should have been better prepared." Even though all the training and conditioning seemed brutal at times, the football teams gave all their effort. Sometimes the teams best effort was not enough. "Sometimes giving you got just isn't enough and you still get beat. It happens," sophomore Zachery Garner.



While he runs down the field, sophomore Tom Pappas attempts to get the first down in the regular season game against Merrillville. Pappas was stopped on the play by several members of the Pirates defensive squad.



Just before the 10 yard line, the junior varsity football defensive unit tries to prevent Merrillville from scoring. Junior Jeff During and sophomores Dan Lewis, and sophomore Dennis Shea assisted the effort by tackling the ball carrier.

As the junior varsity football kicker sophomore Dan Lewis punts the ball, his fellow teammate junior Chris Smolnicky tries to block the rush of Merrillville opponents as they try to tackle Lewis and gain possession. The team lost, 19-26.

While lining up the ball for her putt toward the hole, sophomore Natalie Yudi kneels to receive a better angle of the shot. Yudi played on the varsity squad her freshman and sophomore year.

golf varsity

Home-opp	
Lake Central/Hanover	217-266
Lake Central	217-205
Marionville	181-216
LaPorte	205-213
Crown Point	182-202
Valparaiso	178-179
Michigan City	187-195
Chesterton	182-211
Sectionals	400
Regionals	389

season record
8-1



golf varsity

front row: Dolores Lira, Stephanie Lofland, Cyndi Baker. second row: Lisa Morrisroe, Kathy Ostrander. third row: Mary Nolan, Cheryl Guzikowski, Coach Milakovic, Natalie Yudi, Jessica Grant. back row: Denise Carpenter, Carrie Coleman, Erin Jedlikowski, Erin Herald, Jennifer Morrisroe.

Putting all her concentration into her putting stroke, senior Kathy Ostrander watches the path of the ball as it heads toward the cup. Ostrander was a three year letter winner, and participated in Track and Field. Ostrander was a state finalist for the Heismann Award.



putting toward victory

**Golf team finishes as
Duneland Athletic
Conference champs in
a tie with Michigan City,
Valparaiso.**

**written by Danjela Gazibara
designed by Jennifer Jesvolf**

In a country of Tiger Woods and other male golf superstars, females are rarely seen in the limelight of the green. The girls' golf team set out to change the misconceptions of people with their winning season.

Practicing was from 9 a.m. until noon in the summer and Monday through Friday, after school until 5 p.m. at Robbinhurst Golf Course, during the school year put them on the track to success.

"The hardest parts about it are the practices, but they're worth it," said senior Lisa Morrisroe, who was the Most Valuable Player. Although they were long and at some points more difficult than others, some players felt the practices improved their ability and helped them to work hard to achieve their goal, which was to have a great season.

The team excelled in the beginning of the season by beating Chesterton, then followed with

wins against Merrillville, Valparaiso, Crown Point and LaPorte. "Beating Valpo was the best part of the season," Morrisroe said. They rounded off the season by becoming DAC Champions and qualifying for regionals.

The Duneland Athletic Conference title was bitter-sweet for some on the team because they had to share it with two other teams. "The hardest part was having Michigan City beat us,"

sophomore Jennifer Morrisroe said. Together, the Portage, Michigan City and Valparaiso teams were DAC tri-champs.

Most agreed that the most important part of golf was the enjoyment and love of the game. "I like golf because every course is different, giving it a different atmosphere every time. Also because you can play individually. It's just you and the course," Morrisroe said.

Hoping for a good shot to keep the team in contention, junior Erin Jedlikowski aims for the green. Jedlikowski won the first hole-in-one award given for her hole-in-one during regionals at LaPorte. Coach Tom Milakovic said, "It was the first hole-in-one I have ever witnessed."



During their practice, seniors Joe Hall and Michael Martinez await their turn. The boys' golf team practiced Monday through Friday at Robbinhurst Golf Course. Not only did they practice as a team but they also practiced on their own time in order to perfect their game.



golf varsity

front row: James Selva, Joseph Hall, Philip Mulroe, John Durr, Kevin Johnson, Michael Martinez, Colin Highlands, Patrick Highlands, back row: James Crowley, Jesse Harry, Kevin Luellman, Adam Scott, Nickolas Ladra, Matthew Whitver, Benjamin McBroom, John Shelton.



As he scans the green, senior Adam Scott tries to determine how far he hit his ball. Scott was a player on the varsity golf team. The team ended with a season record of 14-8.





three out of four

Boys' golf team keeps

the tradition alive by
advancing to regionals

for the third time in
four years.

Written by Kim McEne
designed by Christina Barajas

For some it is just a sport, but for others it's a dream. To be able to play like some of the greats was the dream of many members of the boys' golf team. They looked up to Tiger Woods, Arnold Palmer, and other athletes for inspiration.

For some people, the ability to drive the ball 250 yards comes naturally, but even Tiger Woods had to practice. The golf team held long practices. "We practiced nine holes, every day," sophomore Matt Whirter said. There was no way around it, the concentration had to be there. If the concentration was not there, the teams fate would be doomed. "It's a tough game," Whirter said. "You really have to

think about every shot."

The boys' golf team did its best ever, with a record of 14-8 at the varsity level, and 13-3 at the JV level. They practiced at Robbinhurst Golf Course with the team and on their own time.

The team did not receive a lot of attention from the media and classmates in comparison to other sports, but that never stopped them. They all went out and tried their best, proving to ev-

eryone that the Indian golfers are worthy of the media and attention of their classmates. The varsity team advanced to the Regional competition for the third time in four years. The team's goal for next season is to advance to state.



golf varsity

Home - o p p

Kankakee Valley	180-195
Boone Grove	178-167
Lake Central	153-160
Munster	153-163
Highland	161-191
Hanover Central	159-167
Lowell	169-169
Michigan City	157-152
Valparaiso	152-166
Valparaiso	155-153
Crown Point	155-158
Harold	152-155
Merrillville	158-159
Merrillville	162-162
Crown Point	162-153

season record 14-8

At Robbinhurst golf course, junior James Selva practices his swing. Most members of the team believed that hard work and dedication were the key factors contributing to their success.



gymnastics varsity

	Home-opp
La Porte	100-85
Hobart	102.5-104.775
Michigan City	100.2-87.7
Crown Point	102.9-90.5
Merrillville	101.10-107.025
Manon Invitational	third
Lowell	106.7-93.00
Valparaiso	104.775-110.275
Chesterton	99.975-109.4
Dac meet	fifth

season record

4-4

Cheering on the team junior

Jessica Grant, sophomores Amie Carns, Carrie Javorka, and junior Ashlie Dehaven

show their team spirit.

Members of the team would always stand by the mats to cheer on other members to help keep their spirits up.

Focusing on her back walkover

junior Tiffany Stewart tries to end her routine without a mistake. Stewart qualified for state in the all around competition and she also placed second.



going beyond limits

Catching her

composure she steps up onto the beam, she has practiced for what seems like forever. She knows she is mentally and physically ready, now all she has to do is come through with her routine and help win it for her team.

To some people, the gymnastics team seemed to have a better season than previous years. The team's success may not be because of luck but because of teamwork and dedication to the sport.

Tiffany Stewart and Lindsay Easton placed second and juniors Jessica Grant and Piper Van Santen placed seventh out of 27 pairs at the Portage Pairs Invitational.

Tiffany Stewart, team co-captain along with Easton, felt that the girls learned to work better together. "The team grew substantially this year and I think that is what we can attribute our success to," Stewart said. The team was indeed successful in what they did. Sophomore Amy

**The gymnastics team
went beyond its limits
and it showed through
all their scores.**

Written by Julie Sokol
Designed by Christina Barajas

Hobart where she placed first on vault and bars. Stewart tied a school record on the beam and placed first on uneven bars at state. Before stepping onto the mat and reaching for the uneven bars at the state finals Stewart said to herself, "This is your event. You're not going to step onto this mat until you do it right." Stewart felt being successful in gymnastics required not only physical strength but mental strength too.

Overall, many girls felt the season had a positive affect on them. Many felt that throughout the season a lot of bonds had formed among them.

Wright agreed. "We tried to focus more on working as a team than on individual performance."

Teamwork was a big reason for the many accomplishments they had made, there were also individual accomplishments too. Stewart placed first at several meets such as Michigan City where she placed first in all around, vault, beam and floor and

gymnastics junior varsity

	Home-opp
La Porte	83.5-81.4
Hobart	86.65-7
Michigan City	89.75-58.2
Crown Point	88.7-30.3
Merrillville	86.50-84.775
Lowell	90.6-51.9
Valparaiso	88.05-93.5
Chesterton	83.125-94.375

season record 6-2



gymnastics

first row: Melanie Dobos, Veronica Tilly, Emily Kirk, Amy Wright, Annie Carns, Amanda Walworth, Darlene Kuta, Nicole Pennington, Taria Hunt. back row: Jeneane Ibrahim, Carrie Javorka, Tiffany Stewart, Lindsay Easton, Coach Cassie Riley, Jessica Grant, Ashlie Dehaven, Piper Van Santen, Stacy Weimer, Jennifer Vargas.

Concentrating on her hand spring junior Piper Van Santen tries intently not to put a fault in her routine. Piper has been on the gymnastics team for three years.

Hustling for the ball in the game against Valparaiso, freshmen Dan Rodriguez and Jake Parker play defense. The players had to anticipate the plays the team made against Portage.

Coming over to the sidelines, sophomore Matt Whirver talks to Coach Andy Vuko while the rest of the team prepares for the upcoming game, both on the sidelines and on the field. Whirver played mostly junior varsity, but received some varsity playing time.



soccer varsity

front row: Scott Holtzman, Xavier Mendez, David Alvarado, Marcus Gilbert, Marshall Newbold, David Tames, Dan Tones, Michael Liesch. back row: Tony Cimbaljevich, Brandon Mowbray, David Simonsohn, John Hutchins. Coach Jim Green, Dan Walworth, Mike Odisho, Alex Torres, Adam Woynaroski, Patrick Mc Clothlen.



soccer junior varsity

front row: Dan Rodriguez, Matt Andryuk, Dwayne Alcantara, Mike Ziulkowski, Philip Guerre, Mark Korba, Bryan Warfield, Doug Tones, Stuart Curran. back row: Jake Parker, Bob Bundy, John Yalcic, Coach Vuko, Bryan Ball, Matt Westerkamp, Matt Hutchins, Kevin Luellman, Matt Whirver.



The crowd jumps to their feet as the player kicks the ball into the goal just past the goalie's out reached arms. The crowd goes wild as the goal wins the game for the almost undefeated team this year.

"I think we have a very skilled team. Injuries may have affected us, but overall I believe we had a great team throughout the season," sophomore Xavier Mendez said. The boys varsity soccer team ended up their season with a 9-3-3 record.

The team had practiced from 3 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. "We did better than anyone expected," senior Tony Cimbaljevich said. During the season, Cimbaljevich collided with another teammate. He was knocked out unconscious and was taken by

another kicking season

The boys varsity soccer team dominated the Duneland Conference, ending their season with a loss to Valparaiso in the sectional finals.

written by Jamie Wolfe
designed by Jennifer Jeslovit

ambulance to the hospital. So without one of their teammates the team worked even harder and still won the game, 4-1.

Overall, both the junior varsity and the varsity teams received a lot of support from many of the Portage fans. Many students and parents of the players met at Trumble Field to cheer the Portage Indians on to a victory. Junior Racheal Jamison, just one of the many fans said, "At first I didn't want to go to the games cause I didn't

really like soccer, but after I went to a couple of them I realized that they were really exciting. Even when the team lost I had fun just going to the games with my friends and cheering our soccer team on!"

Preparing for a corner kick in a junior varsity game, keeper junior Marcus Gilbert signals to his defensive players. The team worked hard in practice to accomplish play's like that.

soccer varsity

	Home-opp
Crown Point	3-0
Hobart	4-1
Hammond-High	4-0
Lake Central	2-2
Michigan City	10-1
St. Joe	2-2
Laporte	6-1
Munster	3-1
Griffith	3-3
Chesterton	1-2
Anderson	4-1
Valparaiso	0-1
Highland	5-2
Merriville	2-3
Sectional	4-1
Regional	4-1

Season Records 9-4-3

soccer junior varsity

	Home-opp
Crown Point	2-0
Lake Central	1-1
Hobart	4-0
Michigan City	7-0
Laporte	3-3
Munster	2-1
Griffith	2-1
Chesterton	2-2
Anderson	0-2
Valparaiso	0-1
Highland	3-1
Valparaiso	1-1
Chesterton	0-1
Merriville	2-2

Season record 6-5-3



Kicking the ball senior Katherine Ballas works on her defensive skills at practice. Ballas was the varsity goalkeeper since her sophomore year. Other keepers included junior Jen Lehocky for junior varsity and junior Mellisa Smith as the back up for varsity. Ballas played field twice during season and assisted senior Martha Devaney on a goal against Bishop Noll.



Instruction the junior varsity team before a game coaches Jeanne Miotke and Tony Cardenas give advice about their opponents they gained information about them while scouting. Many junior varsity players were moved up to the varsity team to fill in for injured varsity players, including several freshman and newcomers who started in various games.





soccer varsity

front row: Angela Murray, Stacy Porter, Jennifer Lehocky, Katy Ballas, Rachel Torres, Theresa Russell. second row: Laci Devries, Cassie Mateo, Mellisa Smith, Heather Lucas, Dawn Piazza, Ryan Dohner. back row: Coach Jeanne Miotke, Manager Irene Trapper, Jessica Sandor, Kathy Rea, Kellie Glans, Marsha Davaney, Kelly Bonner, Lauren Sandor, Jenny Vanderploeg, Coach Tony Cardenas.



soccer junior varsity

front row: Tiffany Sherwood, Carisa Dixon, Sara Krejci, Jen Lehocky, Cindy Torrez, Sarah Kreuger, Kristin Selund. second row: Chrystal Greenwell, Lyndsay Ponda, Jessica Potts, Brook Wozniak, Frances Gibson. back row: Coach Tony Cardenas, Kacye Ogden, Mellisa Staples, Becky Reibly, Ashley Szybala, Carolyn Slankowski, Coach Jeanne Miotke, Manager Irene Trapper.



goals being achieved

**The girls' soccer team
advances to sectional
finals, loses in an
overtime shoot out
against Valpariso.**

written by Julie Sokol
designed by Christina Barajas

Watching the girls' soccer team running down the field the great fans of Portage High School become excited as the team with 5.5 seconds left on the clock wins the game when a teammate kicks the winning goal.

The girls' soccer team was overlooked early on in the season because of the younger athletes. The team had 21 new players including freshmen. Although they had lacked attention from many of their opponents in the beginning of the season, most of the girls' soccer team worked hard together to improve their skills individually as well as a team.

Some of the girls did not only build as athletes but as friends also. "I love my team, we are always there for each other," junior Kim Ogden said, "I love the team more than the goals though, there is nothing better than team connection."

The players had to focus emensly on teamwork as well as their mental and playing skills. They had practices everyday after school from 3-

5 p.m. and some of the girls' even practiced at home alone. Many of the players admired their coaches. Ogden said Coach Irene Miotke knew what she was talking about and knew how to make soccer more fun than it already was. "We love her!" senior Rebecca Reibly said.

Although the team did not do as well as some had expected, the team players felt that with a little more

practice, improvement could have been guaranteed for them. "I think our team could have been doing a better if we had talked more during the games and practices and attacked the ball more," Reibly said.

After their regular season, the team began focusing on winning their sectionals. Junior Cindy Torrez said, "During the season, it wasn't so good, but at sectionals we were ready to take it all. I wasn't able to attend one of the games but I believed they could win, and believing is the first step to success." The girls' soccer team lost, 4-5, against Vaparisio in the finals.

Fighting for possession of the ball at practice, varsity players, freshman Lauren Sandor and junior Kim Ogden attempt to perfect their footwork skills for their upcoming game. The girls practiced several drills and scrimmaged each other at their practices after school and on Saturdays, while the coaches helped them and gave them advice to improve.

As the ball flies past her, sophomore Angie Lazar steps to swing the bat. The softball team had practices after school every day and even practiced on Saturdays.

softball varsity

Home-opp

Steechna/Roncelli	4-1
Anderson	2-0
Crown Point	9-2
LaPorte	0-1
Morton	12-3
Lafayette Harrison	9-3
Hobart	7-0
Merrillville	13-3
Chatterton	6-1
Michigan City	5-4
Lowell	1-2
Valparaiso	3-1
Crown Point	7-0
Marquette	3-2
LaPorte	5-2
Hobart	9-0
Merrillville	2-0
Lake Central	1-2
Chatterton	1-2
Griffith	3-2
Michigan City	2-1
Highland	13-0
Valparaiso	3-2
Munster	1-0
Boone Grove	1-0
Penn State	7-0
Kankakee Valley	1-0
Sectional	7-0
Regionals	won
Semi-State	won
State	second

SEASON RECORD

24-4



a striking season

Advancing to state, tying
with Merrillville as DAC
champions and winning
regionals were all goals
of the softball team.

Written by Desiree Franco
Designed by Julie Sokol

Although many feel that guy sports such as football and wrestling need more determination than other sports, the girls' softball team proved these people wrong. Although the girls may have had some problems during the season, the team's confidence and support from the fans brought them to the top.

The varsity team had a successful season. The junior varsity team was not as successful as the varsity team, but it also had some accomplishments of its own such as both wins against Crown Point and Hobart. A tough moment for the team was losing to Merrillville by one run for the third time in three years.

Sophomore Michelle Pickering felt that the team had a lot of bonding moments throughout the season. "The team has had its moments. We

sat down all together, got all of our problems out of our system and it shows, we're playing as a team now." The team seemed to unite as one although they were faced with difficulties. "The season was good overall, we had our good times and our bad times, but we continued to work hard together and improved," Pickering said.

In the beginning, the team appeared to be having difficulties getting along with each other and playing as one. "None of us were working as a team very well at the beginning of the season, but everyone is pulling together now and everything's fine," junior Wendy Cannon said. Despite the teams ups and downs, they had accomplishments as well. These include tying Merrillville in the DAC Championship, winning sectionals, winning regionals and placing second in state.



softball varsity

front row: Cheryl Buegler, Michele Pickering, Wendy Cannon, Kristy Boggs, Corine Munoz. second row: Tiffany Pullen, Angela Lazar, Christina Nystrom, Rebecca Rodriguez, Nicole Bacso. back row: Emily Bauer, Kelly Rich, Nicole Lewis, Kelly Buhman, Katie Kawiecki.



softball junior varsity

front row: Melissa Weidenaar, Holli Owen, Sara Haufman, Erin Sweeney. second row: Coach Larry Revoir, Breanna Beike, Annette Barok, Cassandra Dixon, Belinda Meyers, Ashley Safstrom, Coach Brett St. Germaine. back row: Stephanie Ciesielski, Christina Chase, Melissa Misner, Lauren Benson, Jamie Sutton, Heather Elkins.



As she crouches down, sophomore Cheryl Buegler awaits the next move. Buegler was also a member of the basketball team her freshman and sophomore year.

Varsity pitcher junior Wendy Cannon gets set to pitch to the batter. Cannon has been a varsity pitcher since her freshman year.

making a splash

The girls see it more
than just practice, but a
time to know one
another, build thier
friendships.

Written by Julie Sokol
Designed by Christina Barajas

The girls' swim meets doesn't just involve swimming laps back and forth. Grueling practices and hard work kept the girls in shape.

It began with practice after school at 3 p.m. The swimmers prepared themselves for their complete workout. Throughout the winter break, they swam with nylons on. The purpose of this was so the swimmers would not feel the water. The nylon dragged on them so they had to swim faster and harder to get from one point to another. When they removed the nylons they swam faster and glided through the water much easier. Practicing was not the only thing that the swimmers did, some became good friends. "The best part of being on the swim team is the teammates and all our friendships," junior Dawn Butterfield said. They also had practices on Saturdays beginning at 8 a.m. and finishing around 10:30 a.m. "It was great exercise and it kept me in shape for softball," freshman Jamie Sutton said.

The most recent meet they swam was the sectional meet. The girls' team placed fourth out of eight teams, with four girls qualified for state. "I

feel we did well, however, there is always room for improvement," sophomore Jamie Wolfe said. However, not everyone felt the same way about this. "I think it's been good and we have done better than ever expected," Sutton said. The team did well even though swimming is not as easy as people may think. "If there was one thing I could let the student body know it would be that there is more to swimming than just

swimming you have to have endurance and self-confidence within yourself," Sutton said. Many of the other swimmers agreed. "People need to see that we work our butts off and acknowledge us," sophomore Kristin Herrold said. The swimmers were acknowledged by many fans that went to their meets. Some fans would say that swimming looks easy but most of the swimmers disagree.

"Swimming is a lot harder than everyone thinks it is, we work really hard to do our best," Butterfield said. In the end the girls' hard work and effort paid off. The junior varsity's ended thier season with a record of 1-3 and the varsity's ended with a record of 5-8.

swimming junior varsity

	Home-opp
Hobart	73-24
Crown Point	73-98
Valparaiso	27-151
Chesterton	53-125

season record 1-3

Several students surround each other and prepared for a home meet. Before their meets the team would get together and talk about what they wanted to achieve in their meet.





Junior varsity swimmer, Jade Chavez practices her strokes in the West building. Caused by the change in the girls' swim season the girls' and boys' teams had to alternate between East and West pools.

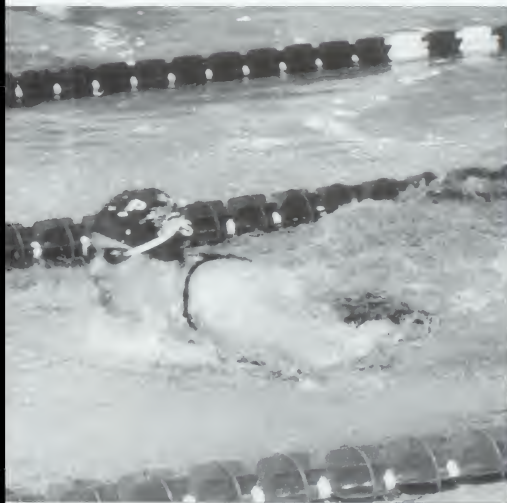
swimming varsity

Home-opp

Michigan City	96-90
Munster	56-129
Highland	72-114
Valpo Relays	third
Lack Central	73-112
LaPorte	105-80
Hammond High	133-49
Hobart	108-78
Crown Point	61-125
Valpariso	53-132
Chesterton	50-136

season record

4-6



swimming varsity

front row: Stephanie Niemcewicz, Norma Addison. second row: Jillynn Guth, Rebecca Siminski, Jaclyn De Bord, Regina Gudinas, Juliana Lach, Allison Peda, Kimberly McGinnis, Jamie Wolfe, Amy Lochmondy, Kari Kopko, Stephanie Shepherd. third row: Mr. Tim Somers, Stephanie O'Connor, Shannon Parker, Jamie Sutton, Lauren Niemcewicz, Holly Paniaguas, Brenna Sweeney, Dolores Lira, Lisette Fontanez, Maureen Cary, Margaret Simkin, Scott Valpeic. back row: Tiffaney Gorby, Jade Chavez, Robyn Karner, Dawn Butterfield, Amy Nelson, Kimberly Ford, Kristynn Herrold, Yecenia Feliz, Amy Cosby, Wendy Cannon.

Competing against Hammond High School, junior, Kim Ford swims the breaststroke. The girls' varsity swim team won against Hammond High School, 133-49.

After finishing one of his races, senior Rich Ostertag exited the pool. Ostertag was the only member of the boys' swim team to qualify for state.

Coming up for air while doing the butterfly, sophomore Mike Szentesy focuses on the finish line. Szentesy was a sophomore on the junior varsity team.



swimming junior varsity

	Home - opp
Chesterton	76.5-71.5
Valparaiso	56-87
Crown Point	120-38
Highland	89-0

season record
3-1

swimming varsity

	Home - opp
Lafayette	91-95
Merrillville	100-86
Laporte	102-84
Highland	72-114
Michigan City	135-51
Munster	74-112
Lake Central	69-117
Chesterton	65-121
Valparaiso	80.5-105.5
Hobart	115-71

season record
4-6

Concentrating on one of his dives, a sophomore swim team member perfects his form. He was on the junior varsity team.





It starts at the starting line. Each swimmer has their own thoughts running through their head. Somewhat to improve their times, while others are out to win it all.

Many people felt that swimming was a very strenuous sport. They believe that swimming was probably one of the most difficult sports but also one of the most rewarding. During a regular season much was expected from a swimmer. Using athletic ability, striving to improve technique, and training twice a day were those expectations.

There were many tough moments as well as highlights throughout the season. A tough moment was at the Conference meet where Mr. Ralph Mundt, the coach for the boys' swimming team, felt that the team had not been fully prepared for the event. "I didn't prepare the team well as I should have," Coach Mundt said. Looking back the teams saw there were many highlights such as individual improvements throughout the season and building the swimmers confidence.

One swimmer showed just how much confidence he really had. Senior Richard Ostertag was the

a cut above

Some members of the
boys swim team shaved
their heads for the
sectional meet.

Written by Debi Franco
Designed by Julie Sokol

only swimmer to make it to state this year. Through the season the team did improve and enjoy themselves. Junior Chris Smolnicki felt that his most satisfying moment was touching out Valparaiso because Valparaiso was the rival school. "It was thrilling knowing that I put the team up ahead in points," Smolnicki said. Smolnicki had some problems during the season due to a torn rotator cuff. It

was difficult for Smolnicki to swim a practice or even a meet without pain. "I didn't improve as much as I wanted to. My times weren't as fast as they could have been," Smolnicki said.

Although the team had hard times, there were fun moments. The swimmers did wild and crazy "do's" with their hair before sectionals. Alex Lo had his whole head shaved except for one small part. sophomore Jeremy Goin's had hand imprints. The team felt that the crazy hair before sectionals weparated the swimmers from the rest of the school and brought together the team. "It's good for team unity and team spirit." Overall most swimmers felt that the season had been a great experience.

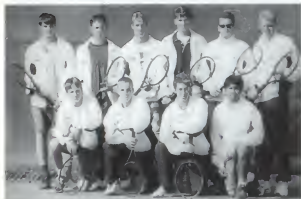


swimming

front row: Rainier Alcantara, Terry Henson, Jason Pomaes, Richard Martinez, Jason Kish, Nathan Peek, Josh Grant. second row: Brian Balta, James Kallimani, Jeremy Goins, Mike Szentesy, Dean Klakowski, Rob Tugurian, Gregory Mundt, James Thomas, Allen Mirr, Chris Robert, back row: Rallie Hamenski, Donald Lubeck, Billy Rippel, Chad York, Chris Smolnicki, Rich Ostertag, Ben Hoffman, Nick Rodgers, Jon Harbaugh, Stefan Rudloff.

After one of their races, sophomores Alex Lo and Rob Tugurian talk about their performances. Lo and Tugurian were both part of the junior varsity swim team.

Warming up on the new courts, seniors Dan and Steve Kaminski work together on their plays for the upcoming games. The tennis team had to wait until the new courts had been finished before they could play at home. The courts had been finished late in the boys' tennis season.



tennis varsity

front row: Brandon Arnold, Bert Cook, Jason Niloff, Fahad Javed.
back row: George Murrow, Ryan Fisher, Kevin Stout, Ryan Mason, Nick Beardsley, Steve Kaminski.

Serving for a winning point, junior Ryan Mason attempts to beat his opponent. The boys team fell just short of a Duneland Athletic Conference Championship. The boys had been one match away from winning the conference, however, they lost to Valparaiso, 1-4.





serving up a victory

Many of the sports teams have about half of their games at home to give them a home court advantage. However, the boys tennis team was not so lucky. They only had two home matches, against Andean in the regular season and Sectionals.

The boys tennis team did not have a home court to play on in the beginning of the season because the tennis courts were not done with construction. Construction began at the end of the girls tennis season the prior year. The team held their practices in Ogden Dunes and at Valparaiso High School.

"I think that having to travel to the other courts for practice brought us together as a team," said senior Jason Nilloff. However, the dilemma did not stop them from winning most of their matches and advancing to the sectional finals against Valparaiso. "The teams key to a winning season

**The boys' tennis team
overcomes having no
home courts, places
second in the
conference behind
Valparaiso.**

written by Meredith Brenyole
designed by Katherine Dallas

was unity," junior Ryan Mason said. Without teamwork many players felt they would not have done as well. "Working together as a team and not just as individuals is the best way to win because even if you lose you are still a winner," senior Brad Twilla said.

The tennis players and to cope without having a home advantage. "All the tennis players had to raise their confidence and ability in order to overcome our disadvantage of playing on the home courts," Nilloff said.

Some players agreed that their teamwork was what helped them achieve 17th in state. After their season ended, many players had already begun to follow their coach's advice by preparing for the next season, practicing with their friends and other teammates in hopes of bettering their season record of 13-3.

On the New tennis courts that were built during the summer and early fall, senior Jason Nilloff smashes a forehand back at his opponent during one of the practices. Many of the boys' tennis team members practiced against one another during the summer to improve all of their skills as well as their game.



As the ball comes flying toward her, senior Elizabeth Cattani, the varsity captain, hits the ball back to the opposing side of the net. Cattani participated on the varsity tennis team since her freshman year and lettered all four years.



tennis junior varsity

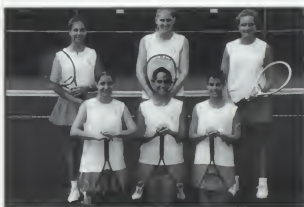
front row: Angela Shields, Tiffany Huhnke, Tiffany Ramirez, Angela Magana, Veronica Tilley, second row: Jennifer Luther, Kari Kopko, Rachael Fink, Amber Johnson, Rachael Torres, Margaret Lomax, back row: Monica Tarela, Lauren Dimitri, Jennifer Biller, Casandra Chelf, Martina Malmros, Melinda Hansell, Carolyn Slamkowski.

With an outstretched arm, sophomore varsity player, Amber Johnson hits the ball over the net with force. Johnson started on the junior varsity team this year, but was moved up to varsity.





Ready for the ball, the doubles team of freshmen Margaret Lomax and Jennifer Biller react. The junior varsity team was primarily composed of freshmen.



tennis varsity

front row: Melissa Hansell, Elizabeth Cattani, Michelle Williams.
back row: Natalie Kirincic, Jennifer Chelf, Femke Kroese.

tennis varsity

Home - o - p - p

Lake Central	3-2
Highland	2-3
Crown Point	3-2
Anderson	2-3
Lapporte	1-4
South Bend St. Joe	second
Merrillville	0-5
Valparaiso	1-4
Carmel	5-0
Sectional	1-4

season record
4-6

tennis junior varsity

Home - o - p - p

Lake Central	0-5
Boone Grove	3-2
Highland	1-4
Crown Point	0-5
Anderson	1-4
Lapporte	0-5
Merrillville	fifth
Merrillville	0-5
Valparaiso	1-4
Carmel	5-0

season record
2-7

storming through matches

The girls' tennis team

had to learn to play in

and around the

uncooperative, rainy

weather.

*written by Hessire Franco
designed by Jamie Wolfe*

The season seemed to be a learning experience for the tennis team. The team encountered many problems throughout the season ranging from weather to team relationships. The team hopes to use the skills they learned from these conflicts to improve themselves in the future.

One of the problems that the team faced early in the season was that the team lost several players because of disagreements among the team members. Sophomore Jenny Chelf felt that because of this, the season had been very challenging. "We lost a lot of upperclassmen so we had a lot of freshmen on the team. It was kind of like we had to start all over again," Chelf said.

Another problem the tennis team faced was that toward the end of the season, the team had 11 straight matches without one practice because

of the rain. Unlike Merrillville and Valparaiso, which have inside tennis courts or access to inside courts, this school does not, resulting in a lot of matches to be canceled when the weather was stormy and uncooperative.

Whether they won or lost, they never lost their team spirit and positive attitude. Sophomore Amber Johnson felt that the team tried their best, even though they were not always successful. "We all

tried to work our hardest and the effort was there, but we still struggled."

The teams tried to work hard as a team, but the hope and determination of succeeding was often not enough to win. Overall, the girls seemed to have learned a great deal from the season. Although the next team will most likely consist of underclassmen, the team hopes to be successful because of its experience and determination.

track varsity

	Home-opp
Cheriton	50-73
LaPorte	85-52
Hobart	85-20
Crown Point	33-63
Valparaiso	33-61
Morgan City	38-87
Meriville	38-31

season record 3-4

Running the 100, junior, Tiffany Stewart competes in the Meriville 9/10 DAC conference. She also runs the 4x100, 200 and long jump.



racing to the finish

The girls' track team practiced every day in order to prepare themselves for the upcoming season. Even though they put in all the time practicing, the team was unable to come out on top. Although the team didn't win competitively, they gained something even better—friendships and unity.

The girls' team practiced with the boys every day after school from 3 - 5 p.m. and they often practiced on Saturdays. The distance runners practiced separately from the rest of the runners, along with Mr. Jay White. "I like that we conduct our workouts with the guys, it gives us better competition," junior Melissa Smith said. Competition against the boys helped strengthen the girls' abilities, but not quite enough. The team ended its season with a 3-4 record.

However, the season was not a complete disappointment; the team placed fifth in conference and third in sectionals. The team members also

inspiration,
perspiration help girls'
track team through the
season with many
lessons learned.

written by Meredith Braytople
designed by Meredith Braytople

realized what a learning experience the season was, and planned on applying their new knowledge next year.

The team members couldn't have made it through the season with positive attitudes without the help and support of their coaches. The seven coaches worked closely with the runners and even cheered them on from the sidelines. Practices were sometimes long and arduous, but the coaches

helped the runners see the fruits of their labor when they won. And even when they lost, the seven coaches were there for the runners for guidance.

Individual team members also helped and supported each other. Through long bus rides and even longer track meets, the girls developed close friendships and were there for each other, win or lose. They looked up to the older runners as their role models. Although the team did not have a winning season, they were all winners to each other and themselves.



track varsity

first row: Kathryn Ostrander, Amy Wright, Carrie Rake, Gretchen Circle, Jessica Grant, Jaclyn De Bord. second row: Nicole Warwick, Julie Sokol, Marci Greer, Emily Kirk, Rebecca Siminski, Cheryl Flach, Jamie Wolf. third row: Coach John Kappes, Coach Rich Lowe, Renisa Hobgood, Sane Ibrahim, Erica Mender, Ilsa Conover, Abby Porter, Amy Lochmoudy. Coach Clara Lilly, Coach Mark Hanha. fourth row: Coach Mark Fisher, Candace Crockett, Natalie Fornari, Amanda Autrey, Christine Paunicka, Kristen Leon, Kristin Danskin, Coach Audra Peterson, Coach Jay White. back row: Pam Smith, Jackie Frecher, Melissa Smith, Ana Villanueva, Becky Hall, Jillynn Guth, Melissa Morris.



As hurdler Denisa Hobgood, sophomore, springs in to action when she jumps over the barrier. Hobgood was also known to run the 4 by 100.



Looping on to the sand freshman, Kera Brust takes her first jump for the long jump event. Brust also ran the 100, 200, and the 4 by 100 race.

Rushed toward the finishline in the Merrillville conference, sophomore Amy Wright comes through with first place in the 4 by 800 along with her teammates. Wright also ran the 1 mile, 2 mile and 800.



track

first row: Mike Taylor, Tim Nelson, Tom Modesto, Dennis Shea, Aaron Fletcher, Chad Smolar, Dustin Pittman, second row: Adam Fletcher, Robert Vega, Nick Mayerik, Mike Griffith, Jeff Durring, Jonathon Buala, James Sullivan, Xavier Mendez, Steve Samuel, Charles Pall, Aaron Garza, Mike Shultz, Robert Rivera, Bart Johnston, Coach Mark Hanha, third row: Coach Audra Peterson, Manager Sara Krejic, Coach Mark Fischer, Coach John Kappes, Tom Pappas, Mike Halaschak, Jason Martinez, Jeff Zeha, Ricky Rodriguez, Jonathon Lewis, Joe Faulk, Brandon Rainwater, Justin Follow, Jeremy Crisp, Coach Richard Lowe, fourth row: Scott Knusen, Eric Erway, Tom Bialata, Christopher Pauley, Mike Oslizlo, Jason Ritter, Enrique Fontanez, Matt Cronch, Angelo Papachronis, Coach Bill Wilke, back row: Kevin Guth, Mitchell Sims, Thomas Erickson, Nicholas Rodgers, Mike Zonder, Joseph Bailey, Dennis Trafny.

Up and up and higher he goes.
senior Aaron Fletcher leaps into
the air while doing the pole
vault at Sectionals. Fletcher had
a jump of 11'1"



Going the distance

Pulling together to make a winning team is something to be proud of. The boys track team stuck together as teammates and friends, whether it was on the track, field, or wherever else they were running or hanging out.

The track team excelled, sending a few distance runners and field event runners to state. Junior Enrique Fontanez, sophomores Xavier Mendez, Mike Halaschak, Steve Samuel, and freshmen Mike Taylor and Dustin Pittman made it to state for the 4 by 800 relay, placing sixth in this event. Junior Mike Sholtz competed in the pole vault and placed 12th in state. Junior Jeff Zeha ran the mile and placed eighth. To go to state the members practiced hard and set personal goals in their minds.

There is a lot of dedication to running. The

Hard work mixed with determination brought this team to their success and gave new meaning to friendships.

written by Amanda Mangual
designed by Elizabeth Salinas

best. "I looked at my mom for my role model because she is a hard worker and she doesn't quit at what she does," Rubalcava said.

The team members and coaches would sometimes come together at each others houses after meets. "We have a good time whenever we hang out," Fontanez said. The team would hang out and watch a game or sit around and talk. The boys' track team ended its season with an excellent record and solid friendships.

team practiced Monday through Saturday. One common goal for all members was to keep up their grades. Members had to have passing grades to participate in meets. Once that was over it was back to hard practicing. "I'll never forget the cramps. My body hurt so much after practice," junior Daniel Rubalcava said. Some looked for role models to help and motivate them to do their

On the straight away, senior Timothy Nelson runs in a full sprint to the finish line during his run on the 200 race. Nelson also runs the 4 by 100 race which broke a record this year.

With a leap of faith, junior Tom Modesto takes his first jump in his long jump event at the Valparaiso Sectionals. Modesto also ran the 200 and the 100 races during the meets.



digging through triumphs

Varsity volleyball

comes together
through triumphs and
defeats by building up
their young team.

written by Matt Weiches
designed by Shannon Curt

"Help!" As the ball comes toward the young player, she looks for a teammate to help her out, but instead dives for it herself. She hits the ball into the opposing teams side and helps win the game. For the girl's team they had to practice hard to achieve their goals this season.

The girls' varsity volleyball team practiced from 3 p.m.-5:30p.m. "We did the same warm-ups everyday and after that we worked on our strengths and weaknesses from the previous game," junior Jenny Fekete said. Also, the team practices included "penalties" or sprints for every mistake an individual player made during the previous game.

Despite their 6-18 record, Fekete said many of the players gained experience and a greater love of the game. "A lot of people think we weren't that

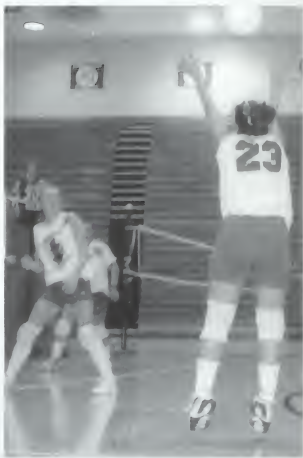
good, but we were really inexperienced. I don't think we have anything to be ashamed of," junior Tara Potts said.

Some players felt that they struggled at the start of the season, but pulled together at the end of the season. "We really came together at Wheeler. We worked really hard for three games and we won," Fekete said.

Although wins and losses sometimes have defined seasons, some players thought

that their moral victories helped to build most of their confidence. "We really surprised Valparaiso during the regular season. Their coach said that we were one of the best defensive teams in the area. I think that after that game we were really excited about sectionals," Potts said. To end their season, they had begun sectionals with a rematch against Valparaiso, but in two games.

Setting the ball to one of her fellow teammates, senior Sarah Johnson attempts to score on the opposing Andrean team. Players had to learn to anticipate everyone's moves on the team.



volleyball varsity

front row: Jenny Fekete, Natalie Kirincic, Tara Potts, Jamie Benson, Kristin King, Kelly Buhman, Coach Chris Dixon. back row: Jennifer Caldwell, Lauren Benson, Elaine Geeting, Jamie Kornacki, Sarah Johnson, Gretchen Circle.

Warming up, varsity volleyball players senior Sarah Johnson and junior Kristin King prepare to battle against Andrean. They won, 15-6, 15-5.





volleyball varsity

	Home-opp
Bishop Noll	7-15, 0-15
Marion	11-15, 7-15
Whitaker	15-17, 15-3, 17-15
Wash. Township	15-13, 14-16, 16-14
Marquette	0-15, 5-15
West Side	15-5, 15-9
Hobart	13-15, 15-7, 15-10
South Central	5-15, 12-15
Lafayette	3-15, 1-15
St. Joe South Bend	9-15, 12-15
Munster	1-15, 6-15
North Newton	15-9, 15-17, 15-10
South Bend	15-11, 12-15, 10-15
Lake Central	9-15, 1-15
Anderson	6-15, 5-15
Merrillville	4-15, 1-15
Highland	1-15, 12-15
Lowell	10-15, 15-13, 7-15
Crown Point	15-4, 13-15, 4-15
Kankakee Valley	3-15, 0-15
Lake Station	15-5, 15-2
Chesterton	11-15, 15-6, 8-15
Lake Central	5-15, 15-9, 9-15
Highland	1-15, 12-15
Michigan City	9-15, 9-15
Vanderburg	14-16, 14-16
Plymouth	11-15, 9-15
Northridge	11-15, 7-15
Marion	10-15, 7-15
Penn.	2-15, 4-15
Gowff	3-15, 0-15
Sectionals	4-15, 3-15

Season record

6-16

Preparing for a game, the varsity volleyball players practice their various techniques. Prior to the games the players not only practiced their individual skills but they also learned to come together as a team.

Sliding on the gymnasium floor, the varsity players group together in a huddle to boost adrenaline before their game. Players tried to boost each others confidence and try to intimidate their opponents before their games.



moving on the upside

The volleyball players wait in anticipation as the coach names off new players for the new portage high school season. All wait as their names are called off to see who makes it. Most make the cut and the coach congratulates all of them through tryouts.

"Tryouts were very tough. If you didn't condition you were sore afterwards," sophomore Anna Villanueva said. Volleyball players had the option of attending conditioning sessions during the summer, which included lifting weights and running.

During the season, the freshman class produced two talented varsity athletes in Lauren Benson and Jamie Lewis as well as in four freshmen athletes who stepped up to junior varsity: Lauren Hansen, Jen Kaminski, Jessica Nugent and Regiss Porter. By the season's end, Hansen had moved up to the varsity squad as well, but despite all of the girls who had moved up, "We

Freshmen, junior varsity volleyball teams deal with losing key players to varsity during season. Those left pulled together to fill the empty positions.

written by Matt Welches
designed by Katherine Ballas

still had a lot of talent at the freshmen level," Mrs. Clara Lilly, freshmen coach, said.

Lilly said there were many memorable moments during the season. However, the game that she remembered the most was the game they won against Valparaiso. "We developed that killer instinct that all good teams have at Valpo," Lilly said.

The junior varsity squad's goals were not set in wins and losses, but instead they concentrated on improvement and the experience. "The freshmen brought a lot of enthusiasm squad's goals were not set in wins and losses, but instead they concentrated on improvement and the experience. "The freshmen brought a lot of enthusiasm up with them," Miss Christine Bohde, junior varsity coach, said. She also said that they blended in well with the upperclassmen and worked well together.

The team was cheered on by fans and their coach was impressed with them. "The team improved, but they still need to focus on team work as a goal for next season," Bohde said.



To finish the playing the game, freshmen Belinda Meyers spikes the ball at her opponents. Many other tactics and teamwork that had been practiced were used to beat other teams in major games.



Going up for a block, freshmen Jamie Sutton makes an important play during a freshman volleyball game. Six of the freshmen players were called up to play on either varsity or junior varsity teams.



During a volley in one of their games, team members of the junior varsity volleyball team attempt to score. Through out the season the junior varsity team had three freshman that helped them through triumphs and defeats.



volleyball freshmen

front row: Michelle Gass, Angela Peete. second row: Holly Paniaguas, Michele Kirincic, Angie Shields, Melissa Lopez, Jasmine Fontanez, Jackie De Bord. third row: Coach Clara Lilly, Meghan Hagerty, Katie Oslizlo, Belinda Meyers, Amanda Autry, Jamie Sutton, Manager Ryan Sweeney, Coach Steve Macaitis. back row: Melissa Weidenaar, Melissa Misner, Erin Sweeney.



volleyball junior varsity

front row: Jennifer Caldwell, Jessica Nugent, Nicole Hall, Lindsay Benninger, Denisa Hobgood, Corinne Munoz, Patty Sulitz. second row: Ana Villanueva, Lauren Hansen. back row: Jen Kaminski, Regis Porter, Jackie Riffle, Jessica McKee, Coach Christan Bohde.

At a home competition, varsity wrestler sophomore Fred Joseph pins his opponent. Joseph went to the state competition and placed fifth, the wrestling team placed second in the state overall.



wrestling varsity

front row: Patrick Wilkins, Eric Keith, Andrew Bradbury, Nathan Curski, Joseph Capodagli, Anthony Peete. second row: David Rodriguez, Stephan Stanfel, Jeremy Leonard, Michael Benson, Jordan Meyers, Fred Joseph. back row: Kevin English, Terry Levin, Adam Alaniz, David Torres, Byron Riley, Thomas Artinger.



wrestling junior varsity

front row: Edward Persin, Adam Roman, Michael Chandler, Seth Britton, Jeffrey Veach, Derek Smith, Christopher Edmonds, Ryan Graves. second row: Stephen Zemlik, Mark Lewis, Kenneth Markos, Bruce Campbell, Aaron Caylor, Jason Martinez, Gabriel Lopez. third row: Jacob Cohen, Ross Berg, Richie Elkins, Nicholas Christian, Tony Vottero, Joshua Bocheck, James Ramirez, Micheal Draves.

striving to be best

Months of weights and morning practices paid off for the wrestling team. The varsity team had one loss and the junior varsity went undefeated. The team also placed second in state and sent five individuals to the state meet.

Determination helped them reach their goals. Senior Terry Levens said, "I know we'll be state bound." This year the team won its sixth regional title at Crown

Point, as they have for the past six years. For the eighth time, a sectional title at Valparaiso was won with a score of 225 points, and the wrestlers came home with eight individual champions. The team also won semi-state against Calumet with the score of 40-24.

The team later went on to Market Square Arena and came home with a second place medal. Senior Jason Tabor achieved the title of state champion. There were eight qualifiers for the state meet. The qualifiers included freshman Mike Chandler, sophomore Eric Keith, junior Andrew Bradbury, senior Stephan Stanfel. Sophomore

Long practices leads the varsity wrestling team to achieve second place in state

written by Jennifer Kaiser & Amanda Mangoni
designed by Meredith Greyfogle

Fred Joseph, senior Adam Alaniz and senior David Torres were also among the qualifying Indians. Joseph came away with fifth place, Bradbury and Torres came in seventh, and Stanfel in eighth place. The team wouldn't have been able to make it to state without the help of their coaches.

Coaches played a major role in preparing the young men for their meets and turning them into winners.

"They're great guys, they would do anything for us," sophomore Fred Joseph said. Everyone, both team members and coaches, put in the hours to turn the team into winners.

Wrestling required a lot of commitment. The team had weights occasionally before school and practiced every day after school. Wrestlers also had to cut weight before a match in order for them to wrestle in their right weight class. Many wrestlers didn't mind this because they enjoyed the sport.

"Wrestling is a great sport because it's a one-on-one sport, if you win you take all the credit and if you lose you take all the blame," Eric Keith said.

wrestling varsity

	Home - opp
Merrillville	51-25
Michigan	50-18
Lake Central Tourney	first
Calumet	third
LaPorte	44-22
Valparaiso	48-24
Lake Station Super Dual	
	first
Hobart	41-22
DAC	1st
Crown Point	43-22
Culver Invitational	first
N. Montgomery Invite	first
Valparaiso Sectional	first
Regional Competition	first
Calumet	40-24
State	second

season record 21-1 wrestling junior varsity

	Home - opp
Michigan City	72-6
Lowell Invite	first
Merrillville	69-6
Goshen Invite	first
LaPorte	50-16
Portage Triple Dual	first
Valparaiso	53-24
Hobart	69-9
Crown Point	68-3
Penn Invite	first

season record 19-0

Going for a victory, junior Joe Capodagli tries to take his opponent down. The Varsity's season record was 21-1 losing only one competition at Calumet. The junior varsity's record was 19-0.



Cross Country

Jeff Zeha
junior

Q: *What do you like most about this sport?*

A: I like running with the guys during tournament season, especially on the **hard workouts**.

Q: *What goals do you like to accomplish during the Cross Country season?*

A: I like to watch the team **grow** and become more and more **unified**.

Q: *How would you compare this sport to other sports?*

A: "You can't. It's totally different in that you can combine some of the **physical pain** of other sports with the **mental aspect** needed to compete.

Q: *What other activities are you in?*

A: "Taekwondo and track, I also play the bass guitar and drums."

Q: *How do you think your team did overall during season?*

A: We had our ups and downs, state was the **worst experience** ever, but we also took away a **new mental toughness** that will help us compete next year.

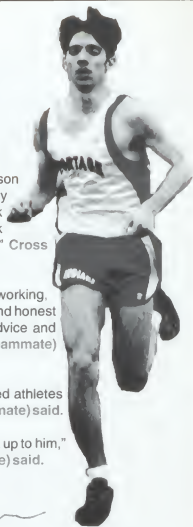
Here comes the supporting cast.....

"He's an outstanding student, good person and he has obviously matured physically and became a stronger runner. I think that he has enough experience to look forward to having a great senior year," Cross Country coach Bill Wilke said.

"I admire him, not only as a hard working, determined athlete, but also as a true and honest friend who I can always turn to for advice and motivation," junior Jackie Frechette (teammate) said.

"He's definitely one of the most talented athletes here," junior Enrique Fontanez (teammate) said.

"He's kind of set on his own ways, I look up to him," sophomore Daryll Henson (teammate) said.



Jeff Zeha

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There's more to sports than

what we hear

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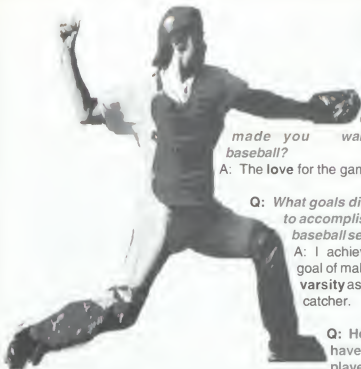
more to athletes than

Game!

what we see in the hallways.

Baseball

David Niloff
sophomore



Q: What made you want to play baseball?

A: The love for the game

Q: What goals did you try to accomplish during baseball season?

A: I achieved my goal of making **varsity** as starting catcher.

Q: How long have you played

baseball?

A: Eleven years

Q: What are some of your other activities?

A: I also bowl.

Q: What was your most memorable moment from your baseball career so far?

A: Freshman year was fun. I was with all my friends.

Q: If there is one thing you could tell the world about baseball, what would it be?

A: Everyone should play to find out it's not as easy as it looks.

And now, a word from our sponsors.....

"He came to each game with a good attitude and always tried his hardest during each game," senior Brent Ksenak (teammate) said.

Gymnastics

Tiffany Stewart
junior

Q: What do you like most about this sport?

A: This sport requires much **self-motivation** and combines personal goals and achievements with the excitement of team competition.

Q: How would you compare gymnastics to other sports?

A: Gymnastics is different than other sports because a gymnast **never reaches** a point where she's at **top**. There will always be a new skill or better routine which can be added.

Q: How do you think the team did overall?

A: Overall we felt that we had a fun and **productive year**. We would have liked to advance to Regionals, that was our goal, but we accomplished many things this year and have **lots to be proud of**.

Q: Do you have any role models?

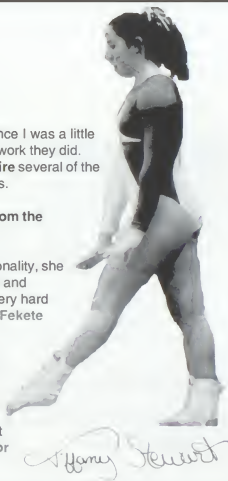
A: I've of course looked up to many of the

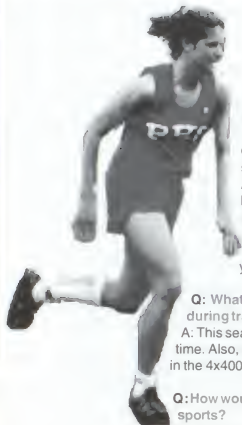
Olympic gymnasts since I was a little girl because of all the work they did. However, I really **admire** several of the past Portage gymnasts.

And here's a cheer from the crowd.....

"She has a great personality, she knows what she wants and achieves it. She is a very hard worker," junior Jenny Fekete (friend) said.

"Tiffany is not only a funny person to be around, she is a great athlete and gymnast. She works hard to get what she wants," junior Katie Wampler (teammate) said.





Curly Smith

Track

Melissa Smith
junior

Events: 400, 4x400 & high jump

Q: What do you like most about this sport?

A: "I enjoy the **speed workouts** because after they are through, you feel like you have accomplished something. Also, we conduct our workouts with the guys and it gives you better **competition**."

Q: What goals do you like to accomplish during track season?

A: This season I would like to decrease my 400 time. Also, I like to **participate** in the state meet in the 4x400 and 400.

Q: How would you compare this sport to other sports?

A: Track is different from other sports because it is an **individual** sport, yet, there are relays.

Q: Are you in any other sports?

A: Yes, **soccer**.

Now here are some other sides.....

"Curly is a good person to talk to because I've known her for a long time and I think we work well together. She really cares for the team and it shows," junior Chris Pauley (teammate) said.

"She's funny, if there is something you can't do, she can, she'll find a way to do it," junior Tom Modesto (teammate) said.

"She's Curly, what else can you say?" sophomore Ana Villanueva (teammate) said.

"Curly is my better half. Let me explain, where I am weak, she is strong, but we always go together," senior Marcy Greer (teammate) said.

Golf

Lisa Morrisroe
senior



Q: What makes you interested in playing golf?

A: The **challenge** of knowing that every time it is different and every time I have to think of ways of becoming **better**.

Q: What goals did you try to accomplish during soccer season?

A: I accomplished being **All Conference** for the second time, going to Regionals and taking first in D.A.C. as a team. I also accomplished **trying** my very best.

Q: How would you compare this sport to other sports?

A: Golf is more than half thinking. To become a great golfer you have to be **mentally prepared**.

Q: How long have you been in this sport?

A: I have been playing for four years. I started playing my freshman year.

Q: What are some of your hobbies/activities?

A: **Mountain Dew Golf Tournaments** over the summer. Also, working and spending time with friends and family.

Q: What is your most memorable moment from the season?

A: The match against Valpo beating them by **one stroke** and having a shot at first in D.A.C.

Q: If there was one thing you could tell the world about your sport, what would it be?

A: Golf is **not a boring sport** and anyone can play. It is a fun and challenging sport.

Now hear this.....

"I admire Lisa, she spends more time on the course than most of the PGA competitors," senior Kathy Ostrander (teammate) said.

Soccer

Matt Hutchins
sophomore

Q: What makes you want to play this sport?

A: It's fun, and the players are fun to be around.

Q: What goals to you like to accomplish during soccer season?

A: To play my **hardest**.

Q: How would you compare this sport to other sport?

A: It is harder. Soccer takes more **endurance** and **skill** than most other sports.

Q: How long have you been in this sport?

A: Seven or eight years.

Q: What are some of your hobbies/activities?

A: I play soccer, ride my BMX bike, work at the Portage Park Department and just marinate with my true hornies.

Q: What is your most memorable moment from the season?

A: When my bro 'Tru Stu' (Stewart Curran) tore his ACL.

Q: If there was one thing you could tell the world about your sport, what would it be?

A: Soccer is the worlds **most popular** and demanding sport. So watch out, **Planet Soccer!**

Moving on to the fans.....

"He's improved greatly over the years and I am sure he will get even better during the season," sophomore Xavier Mendez (teammate) said.

"Matt is an unselfish soccer player," junior Pat Wilkins (friend) said.

"He has a great attitude and a will to win at all cost," junior Dan Tomes (teammate) said.



Different Players Find Common Goal

On March 28, a Portage High School basketball team composed of twelve players advanced to state.



No it wasn't the girls' varsity or boys' freshman teams. It was the Unified Basketball team, made up of students of all ages, genders and skill levels. Many people were unaware of such a team, because one had to be chosen and asked

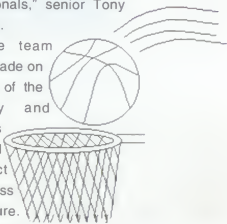
to join, with no tryouts. The team was made up of eight special education students and four helpers who worked and practiced together. "Our players have a lot of fun and learn some important lessons in cooperation, leadership and responsibility," Mr. Pat Moody said.

All the team lessons came together when the team began to compete. The team won sectionals in overtime with only four players in the game. The rest were out because of fouls. "I enjoyed most the looks on all of

my teammates's faces when we won sectionals," senior Tony Racich said.

The team definitely made an impression of the community and school this year, and can expect more success in the future.

"We seem to be gaining popularity as we become more successful, which makes it all the more fun," Moody said.



With the rush of injuries flowing in and out of the athletic training room, trainers were overrun with injured athletes. Athletes needed help and trainers were there to provide it. Everyday, it was the same kind of routine, from sprained ankles to shin splints.

Depending on the season, athletic trainers had students who came into the athletic trainers office everyday. These athletes looked for help for various afflictions, from minor cuts to sprained ankles, making the trainers very busy.

Mr. Dan Merrill, known as "Doc" to many students, was the head trainer. "It is a really good feeling knowing that I have helped someone. It is fantastic seeing an athlete that was injured score or make a great play," Merrill said.

Merrill has had a variety of trainees who volunteered their time to learn how to help athletes with injuries. Senior Angel Rodriguez said, "I love to help people and in that profession that is basically what I will be doing."

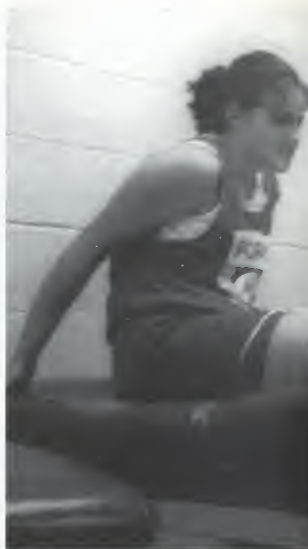
healing helpers

Athletic trainers help student athletes make it through their seasons and injuries by always being there to heal.

written by Jamie Wolfe
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Sophomore Kristin Danskin, a girls cross country runner, had been through various injuries. Danskin said, "I had to deal with the injury everyday, before I ran I would heat my knee. Right now, my knee is feeling a lot better because of the intense care that I gave it."

Injuries sometimes affected not only the individual player, but the whole team. Athletic trainers had to take on that responsibility. Senior Kathy Ostrander said, "It is very satisfactory to be the one to help heal athletes to be able to perform their best."



athletic trainers

front row: Heather Jaques, second row: Michelle Vottero, Angel Rodriguez, third row: Jessica Becke, Kathy Ostrander, back row: Mr. Dan Merrill, Mrs. Mamee Flynn-Smith, Mrs. Jill DeGaetano.

Engrossed in the action, student trainer senior Angel Rodriguez watches a boys' soccer game. Student trainers attended many of the school athletic events with the adult trainers to assist in any way they could. Student trainers played an intricate part of the training department.





During a routine ankle taping student trainer, senior Kathy Ostrander makes sure she follows the correct steps. Trainers, including Mrs. Marnee Flynn-Smith, Mr. Dan Merrill and Mrs. Jill DeGaetano saw a variety of injuries, from the need to have an ankle taped to an athlete needing to have their parents called for a doctor visit.



Listening intently and discussing an injury with an athlete, trainer Marnee Flynn-Smith talks about the exercises and types of workouts the athlete should do to help strengthen the injured area, so the injury will not reoccur. Flynn-Smith often had to give advice to injured players to help heal them as quickly as possible in order for them to return to the game.



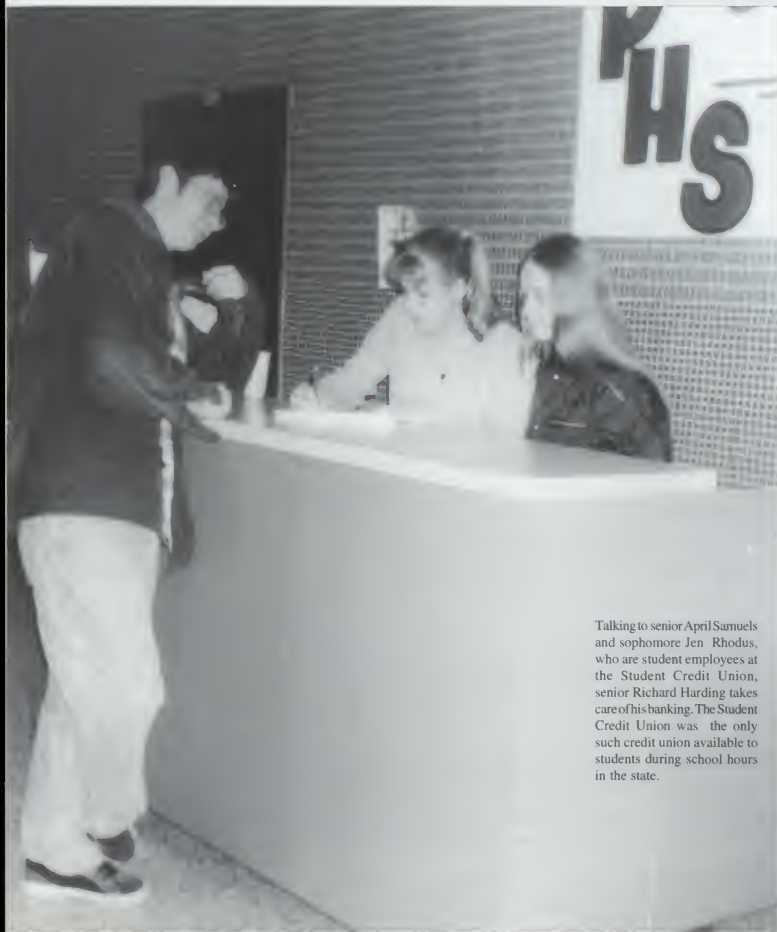
Salons, especially those that specialized in tanning, became increasingly more popular throughout the year, especially during those "special" times like **Prom**. Junior **Erin Harrell** signs up for an appointment at one such salon. Many students had more available places at which to obtain part-time jobs, shop, eat and have a good time because of the commercialization of Portage. The **Portage 9** became a staple in the lives of many teens during its first full year, as did **Taco Bell** and **Walmart**.

Practicing on the timpani drums, sophomore **Joe Voye** adds percussion to his **Lab Band II** class' ensemble. The class was aimed at beginners who were preparing for **Concert** and **Symphonic Band**. However, all of the bands performed together at some concerts. Many students were forced to squeeze room into next year's schedule for their band classes, which were planning on meeting all year. The **Jazz Band** would meet before school everyday, much to the dismay of some band students.

Warming up before the varsity **boys' basketball** game against Highland, sophomore **Jay Durr** grabs the ball before dribbling it to the basket. The team concluded its season with a final record of 4-6. Like many teams, the boys basketball team developed their skills and looked forward to next year and more **improvements** they could make. Many sports teams and individual athletes traveled to state this year, including the **wrestling team**, which placed second.

The **speech team** was one of the many organizations that increased in size and status this year and, consequently, did better than ever before. Showing **Heather Danielewicz** how to add even more feeling to her poetry, head coach **Miss Megan Donelli** demonstrates her own interpretation of the work. The speech team secured seventh in the state, especially thanks to junior **Troy Alford**, the only team member to advance to the state competition. Alford placed second in impromptu.

ligations



Talking to senior April Samuels and sophomore Jen Rhodus, who are student employees at the Student Credit Union, senior Richard Harding takes care of his banking. The Student Credit Union was the only such credit union available to students during school hours in the state.

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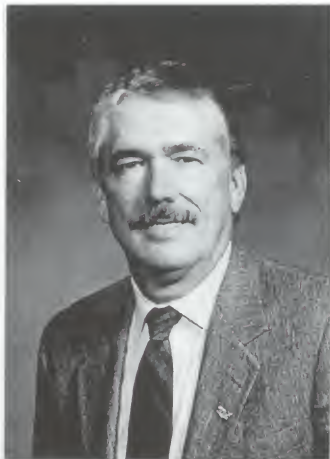
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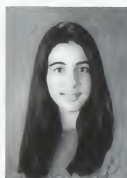
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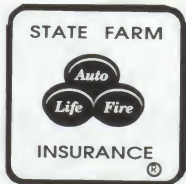


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@Tina, stop typing for a minute. Stop. Stop.

*I want to go to the beach!

@Hello! We're not quite done yet even though it is 4:23 on June 25..... We have to thank everyone.

*Besides us? We're the only ones here on our summer vacation!

@A lot of them did come in, whenever they could.

*Yeah, like Kim McGee, even after a softball hit her in the head and she forgot some crucial details

@Kim always came through, even during disasters like the ads catastrophe.

*Don't even remind me. I can't look at the ads without breaking into a cold sweat.

Two heads ended up being better than one on that one. Kim and Shannon were quite a team.

@That's for sure. Speaking of two heads, Julie and Jamie were an inseparable duo. We could never find them apart.

*It was so hard I always called Jamie Julie and Julie Jamie The one way we could differentiate them was Julie was quote girl and Jamie was proof girl.

@They always did their part, maybe because they liked their parts so much.

Julie just loved to call those boys and Jamie would always let us know when she was feeling a little stressed.

*Beth was the opposite - a calm peaceful breeze. We could always count on her to keep things running smoothly. She'd even recruit other people who weren't on staff-like her boyfriend to help meet those crazy deadlines.

@Speaking of boys, there was certainly a lack of them second semester. Not that we needed them. Can we say, Girl Power!

*Yeah, like our special privileged honky Matt. His stories were good even though he had a lot of contractions, if anything else.

@He was one of the many people to leave our classroom after first semester.

*What about those two midterms grads, Kathy and Katy? They act like school is important or something.

@Kathy set everything up for us. She was the queen of the yearbook until she abdicated her throne.

*They both came back to help out a lot, and boy did we need it. Especially

during the beginning of second semester, when you and me took over, with all that craziness.

@Yeah, we were definitely swamped. All that stuff just thrown at us and we were left on the bottom, trying to dig our way out.

*Once we crawled out, it was like an avalanche. More sewage came crashing down. Finally, we saw our ray of sunshine.

@Jen! Her happiness was contagious, as was her dedication.

*Our trips to the pop machine, Macgyvering our way back and forth were always stress relievers.

@Missy sure did sell a lot of ads. And her partner incrimine Gennaworked really hard on that freshman section, that's for sure.

*What's a yearbook be without pictures? Our photographers really came through for us, even though they were disorganized at times. They were always fighting about who took what picture.

@I couldn't quite figure out how to work the minolta at Junior Miss, so I understand the difficulty of their job.

*At least you turned the camera on. I didn't when I took the ROTC pictures, and it was the third time we had to go take them.

@Kristi/Meredith couldn't stop laughing about that! She was the designer of the ROTC spread wasn't she?

*Yeah. Kristi/Meredith aka Sybil was really patient about that. She definitely improved her typing skills while waiting!

@I think we all did. And we improved our pizza eating skills as well. That delivery boy was kind of cute wasn't he?

*Which one? We probably tried them all.

@Pizza places, right?

*Oh. Right, of course. We always got to eat pizza after school though, never during school.

@Desi got to eat during class! She was probably the best at sneaking ... she snuck food here and there, and then there was her make up.

*She would share though she gave me some chex mix once.

@She gave me a rice cake.

*Desi was great at meeting deadlines,

and if we ever asked her to help out, she was there.

@Amanda was there too ... in front of the television.

*I could barely pull her away from the Bulls rally.

@And those talk shows too! But at least she was here, always ready to work and open to story suggestions.

*Guess what today's?

@What?

*It's NOT Harris music day, thank goodness! I've had enough.

smiley faces on your cheeks or having a rush of disco fever. You do know when to be serious though and that has kept me from wanting to just give up and say forget it. I guess what I am trying to say is thanks a lot for all of your help. Danijela.

@Tina, Tina, Tina. What can I say? You were the wind beneath my wings when I wasn't in the mood to fly. We were a perfect team, the writer and designer, both of us oozing creativity and leadership. Although I found

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*Not hardly! Although she deserves her Friday's for music because she's not forget all the times Ms. Harris gave up her important dates for our yearbook.

@She'll never forget us. We left our mark especially in her room.

Remember the time we became delusional after spending hours locked in here after school and we decided to "redecorate?"

*Bringing all our little toys out to play on an unrolled paper towel train-and we set pizza box and garbage can traps.

@Yeah! We couldn't have done it without Mihajlo from Pow Wow.

He helped out a lot, when he wasn't drawing snowmen who were drinking.

*But he can work his butt off, that's for sure. Then again so can you. I think this year you have sort of been my better half.

The only way I got through this semester is with your writing expertise.

Writing is surely not my strong point whether I am typing or not. I think that you have done an excellent job as being editor.

On the writing side that is. Even if you do get a little crazy wearing

myself frustrated with all this yearbook stuff frequently, your no-nonsense i-want-to-leave-by-7 o'clock attitude made me realize we had a job to do, and we were going to finish it gosh darn it.

You ALWAYS came through, even with your bruises and personal crises. Maybe you did miss a lot of school, but you made up for it this summer and after school. I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks, Tina B., and good luck next year. We have the power!

We would both like to give a special thanks to Kathy Rea. You are a really great leader who showed us the way. You really taught us what it means to be Editor and you have handed us down some nifty secrets we will always remember. Thank you very much.

Daniela

@

Christina Barajas

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Ut the OYM competition Nathan Mundt congratulates winner, senior Brent Ksenak. Mundt, the 1997 winner, traveled from college in Florida to attend.



fhrowing packed peanuts, seniors Keely Mead, Holly Chinn and Heather Bush enjoy their free time during their study hall. All three were teachers assistants for Mr. Richard Shearer during second semester.

members of the Marching Band perform during Homecoming halftime. The Marching Band performed at football games in order to gain practice in front of a live audience before their Saturday competitions.





Almost as quickly as it had begun, the year drew to a close.

Before anyone knew it, the year was over. Some greeted it with a sigh of relief and others with a moan of despair, but almost everyone could agree that it had definitely been an interesting year.

As organizations held end-of-the-year banquets and spring sports

teams wrapped up their seasons, the



school and community pulled together in various ways. Individual classes found an opportunity for friendly competition in the Chain

Link project, coordinated by Student

Council. The entire school was in a frenzy, wondering who would win and how far teachers and students would go for the cause. During Christmas in April, school organizations, as well as individual volunteers from throughout the community, helped out the elderly and disabled by repairing their houses.

Even the usual events, such as prom and graduation, exceeded expectations. The Prom and second annual Post Prom provided students with fun and many memories. It took these concluding events to make people realize that the year was finished. Seniors looked back with nostalgia and a profound sense of accomplishment, having survived the four years of high school. Everyone became anxious about the arrival of summer and the end of the school year after they glimpsed fun and warm weather during Spring Break. And as the amount of disciplinary problems and public displays of affections increased, it was obvious spring was in the air.



However, students kept on pushing until the end. The seniors left, leaving the school with fewer lockers slamming, fewer voices carrying through the hallways, and a sense that the school year was in its final stage. The last two days were extended into full days with the last final held during the last hour on the last day, forcing everyone to keep on dreaming and choosing, facing reality and obligations, all the way until the end.

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At the end of the school year, many students didn't look back to the past and all of their old **expectations**. Instead, they looked forward to the summer, and, ultimately, the next year of school and a whole new set of **expectations**.



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